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MEMORIES OF 1947

WITH all the grandeur and solemnity of half-muffled ringing we in Guildford heard the passing of 1947 last Wednesday night. To many 1947 will be remembered as the year of calamity, with blizzard and flood at home and the world's economic position disturbed to such an extent that 'men's hearts sank within them.' Unprecedented almost describes the position; even 'The Ringing World' had its sequence of publication broken, and for three weeks the Government forbade publication.

When the background is most unpromising, history has repeatedly a story of advancement to tell. Bells and ringing have more than held their own in public esteem, and the bell-founding firms have been working to capacity. Important installations have been those of Wakefield and Lichfield Cathedrals in this country and Adelaide in Australia. Peal ringing has been on the increase, and there have been some outstanding performances. Record lengths of Bob Royal (9,000) and London Surprise (14,112) have been established, and the peal of Minor of 105 methods in hand was another achievement worthy of congratulation. To those who find their delight in five-bell ringing, the peal in 25 methods of Doubles at Old Marston reached a new pinnacle.

The social side of the Exercise has not been forgotten. Festivals at Bournemouth and Leicester brought together enthusiasts from all parts of the country. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths celebrated their bi-centenary in a fitting manner, and there were the usual fixtures in the ringers' calendar of the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, the Central Council (at Exeter) and the 310th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Two jubilees were also held—the Middlesex Association, which after 50 years had nine original members still with them, and the Chester Guild, now 60 years old, who met at Macclesfield.

And 1947 also left gaps within our ranks. There were two with a long association with Surfleet in Mr. Rupert Richardson and the Rev. E. Bankes James. As historian, writer and an expert in method construction, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope held a unique position among bellringers and justified his selection to be the second editor of this journal. Frequently taking the opposite viewpoint to Mr. Trollope was the Rev. E. S. Powell, whose 'Ringers' Handbook' holds a special place in the instructional literature of bellringing. Another honoured name in the Exercise was Mr. E. Denison Taylor, the head of the well-known Loughborough firm. In that select circle of those who had rung 1,000 peals was Mr.

Keith Hart, of Brighton. Other names to mind are Messrs. E. A. Pitstow, W. H. Johnson, James Hemming, F. B. Tompkins, James Pagett, Fred Rigby, C. Pothecary, Robert Matthews, J. H. Wilkins, James Houldsworth and Walter Chibnall. Their memories will always be associated with 1947.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*FRANK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	†ALAN R. PINK	6
FRANCES A. WHITE ...	2	ALFRED H. WEBB ...	7
ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ...	8
*BERNARD NICOLS ...	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
ROBERT BLOND	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.
* First peal on ten bells. † 300th peal. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN E. MORETON ...|	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
*FRANK TROTMAN ...	3	*JOHN THOMPSON ...	8
JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5	LEONARD TREVOR ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal on more than eight bells. The first peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*BERTIE A. CORNELL ...|	*Treble*	*DONALD C. PRICE ...	6
MRS. T. J. LOCK ...	2	*WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ...	7
*LESLIE T. HANSELL ...	3	†CHARLES F. SAYER ...	8
*ARTHUR DAY	4	*H. E. C. GOODENOUGH	9
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	5	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by D. A. BAYLES. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First peal in the method ever rung. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLWOOD ...|	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK...	5
*BARRY HOLLAND	2	CYRIL WRIGHT	6
JOHN W. SYKES	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ...	7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MARK W. MARSHALL ...|	*Treble*	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
*WILFRID W. RING ...	3	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
†PERCY PAGE	4	*ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD KENDALL ...|	*Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON ...	5
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE...	2	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	6
BETTY SPICE	3	*C. HENRY HARDING ...	7
*RONALD J. SHARP ...	4	*BRYAN F. SIMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF ROTHERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
The first peal in the method.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Liversedge Variation.

ARTHUR GIBB ... ...|	*Treble*	STANLEY ROBINSON ...	5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	2	HARRY RICHARDSON ...	6
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ...	3	GEORGE W. JEFFS ...	7
B. JACK STUBBS	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE...	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE W. JEFFS.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

LESLIE PEARSON ... ...|	*Treble*	JOHN H. HUNT	5
FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ...	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS
First peal in the method for the Society.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ...|	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER ...	5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ...	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	6
*J. EDWARD CLOUGH ...	3	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	7
HENRY HOLLIS	4	†THOMAS H. CAMPTON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

F. JOHN DANIELL ...|	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
ALBERT E. WHITING ...	3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	7
FRANK L. FISHER	4	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. In memoriam the Rev. H. Drake.

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HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN ...	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	3	THOMAS HEMMING ...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal of Major as conductor.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 30, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
JILL POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD AND LANCS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. RICHARD BENSON ...	*Treble*	*P.C. WILLIAM PYE ...	5
P.C. ALBERT FORD ...	2	INSP. HARRY ANDERSON	6
P.C. SIDNEY HOUGH ...	3	EX-P.S. PETER CROOK	7
P.C. A. G. LAWRENCE...	4	P.C. PETER CROOK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EX-P.S. PETER CROOK
* First peal in the method.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*DERRICK YATES	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. BROOKER ...	5
†HERBERT CARTER ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
‡HENRY C. ADAMS ...	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	7
JOHN QUIMBY	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight. ‡ First peal 'inside.' In memoriam James Pagett, Ringing Master of Derby Cathedral.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt

*ALFRED JOHN	*Treble*	ARTHUR HOARE	5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ...	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	4	*H. EDWARD CARPENTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal of Triples.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	FREDK. A. COLEY	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

EDWARD J. LINDLEY ...	*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
HAROLD A. MAY	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS...	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Major.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*THOMAS E. SONE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
†DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	†ROBERT COLLINS	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 350th peal. † First peal in the method.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES ...	*Treble*	EDWIN S. SMITH	5
FREDK. A. BURNETT ...	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	6
STANLEY E. COOK	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
A. LESLIE PEARSON ...	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
First peal in the method by all.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

KENNETH W. MAYER ...	*Treble*	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS...	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES...	6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol as conductor.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

MISS JEAN C. BROWN...	*Treble*	MISS JOAN MORRIS ...	5
*ALAN N. BROWN ...	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
*MISS FRANCES LAFLIN	3	JOSEPH SAUNDERS	7
MISS MARY ELKINS ...	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*F. G. BAILEY	*Treble*	WM. LANCASTER	5
†WALTER STEEN	2	JACK BAILEY	6
WM. A. PARSONS... ...	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' In memoriam James Pagett.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

STANLEY GILBERT	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
REGINALD HOUGHTON ...	3	HERBERT FIELDS	7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

ALEC MUNDY	*Treble*	EDWARD CHIVERS	5
H. PERCY SPARKS	2	HENRY J. SANGER	6
NORA G. WILLIAMS ...	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	4	VICTOR SAVAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.
First peal in the method as conductor.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

BRIAN D. THRELFALL...	*Treble*	MANSFIELD GINN	5
STANLEY E. DARMON ...	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	6
*JOHN B. ROWSELL ...	3	HARRY L. MARTIN ...	7
GEORGE E. CRISP ...	4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. E. DARMON.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Midd'eton's.

*JANET MATTINSON ...	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	HARRY R. ROPER	6
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	3	JOHN F. TILLETT	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	4	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*NOREEN BRAIN	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES ...	5
†WILLIAM J. LEACH ...	2	*GEORGE L. RODEN ...	6
*FREDK. G. FRETWELL...	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	7
†GORDON HARRISON ...	4	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH WM COTTON
* First peal of Major. † First 'inside of Major. In memoriam James Pagett.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER...	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	6
*GEORGE M. KILBY ...	3	FREDK. J. FINCH	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* 350th peal. To commemorate the appointment of the Rev. H. Claude Harland, M.A., as Rural Dean of Ealing.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
*WILFRED W. RING ...	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	7
PERCY PAGE	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES W. METCALF ...	*Treble*	F. T. F. POSTLETHWAITE	5
†BETTY SCHOFIELD ...	2	JOHN BAGNALL	6
ERNEST SWAIN	3	*WILLIAM E. MASHITER...	7
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ...	4	JAMES E. BURLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 4 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 G flat.

THOMAS D. LEASK...	*Treble*	*JOHN SILK	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	ERNEST J. PADGETT ...	6
ERNEST THORLEY	3	CHARLES THORLEY ...	7
HORACE S. MORLEY ...	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Triples for the Selby and District Society.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

SEAL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. ROBIN GUY	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	4
†DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	FREDK. E. BUDGEN ...	5
GEORGE COOK	3	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First in the method as conductor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*SYDNEY C. EASTER ...	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	4
WILLIAM PERRY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
ARTHUR HUBBLE	3	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Minor. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. R. P. Flute.

KELLY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*FRANK R. JOHNS ...	*Treble*	CHARLES E. TAYLOR ...	4
ALAN J. HICKS	2	†JAMES RICH	5
*WILFRED C. BOUCHER...	3	*SYDNEY HORRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one extent Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN	*Treble*	JACK CLEGG	4
*MARY WALSHAW	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
FRANK REED	3	ALBERT FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.
* First peal of Minor.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT CUMBERLIDGE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE H. HALL	4
ALAN POINTON	2	J. JOLLEY	5
FRANK HOLDCROFT ...	3	S. POINTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. JOLLEY.
First peal on the bells since they were rehung in January, 1947.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	*Treble*	JOHN B. ROWSELL ...	4
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
LORD WRENBURY	3	GEOFFREY DODDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, 14 variations of calling. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 or. 14 lb. in G.

*MISS GLADYS ASHBY	*Treble*	*HERBERT H. SHRIVES	3
*W. ROBERT PAUL	2	PERCY AMOS	4
PHILIP JONES	*Tenor*		

* First peal. Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	*Treble*	*THOMAS W. ROBINSON	4
R. ALLEN HICKTON ...	2	CHARLES GEARY	5
WILLIAM H. KING	3	WILLIAM E. COURT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ILLOGAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLOGAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

*IVOR ROACH	*Treble*	VIVYAN WILLIAMS	4
†JAMES VINCENT	2	PERCY WILLIAMS	5
JOAN WITHEY	3	GEORGE CLEMENSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by VIVYAN WILLIAMS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OLD DELIGHT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	4
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method by all the band.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
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 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

EDWARD BARKER ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR ROLFE	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.
First peal on the bells since being rehung.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being extents of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*FREDK. W. MIDDLETON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
†ERNEST G. SHORTING...	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN...	3	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal in seven methods. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick W. Middleton.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 4, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

CECIL MATTHEWS ...	*Treble*	ERNEST BARTRAM	4
WALTER WHITE	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
FREDK. J. STIMSON ...	3	HARRY CLAYTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.
First peal on the newly-augmented six. In memoriam Thomas Edgar Pearson, Ringing Master and Parish Clerk for many years.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. S. Jones, sen., who has been a ringer at Eccleston, Cheshire, for 54 years, celebrated his 79th birthday by ringing a quarter-peal for the first time with his three sons on December 13th. Method, Grandsire Triples. Details: A. H. Jones 1, F. Jones 2, G. Pugh 3, W. Hopwood 4, S. Jones, sen. 5, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, H. Thomas 7, E. Price 8.

Do not miss Will H. Viggers' 'Delight' team that heralded in Christmas! For full details see the back page.

The peal of three Minor methods at Miles Platting, Manchester, was for the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall.

Great credit is due to the Brown Edge, Staffordshire, band, who at a second attempt have rung the first peal on the bells since they were rehung. For a long time this band has struggled on unaided.

Twenty-one years have elapsed since the last peal at Rothersthorpe, Northants. Mr. Percy Amos participated in both peals.

Our friends in the Constabulary inform us that the peal at Miles Platting on December 2nd for the National Police Guild was for the Royal Wedding.

For his coming-of-age as district secretary in the Swansea and Brecon Guild, Mr. E. Stitch conducted a peal of Holt's Original at Aberavon, on December 5th. Also honoured was Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, the occasion being his 82nd birthday.

The peal at Erith on December 5th was a second birthday peal for Susan Hoverd. Her father, Harry Hoverd, a regular member of the Erith peal band, is one of those pillars of the Exercise about whom we hear little but whose work behind the scenes makes ringing the flourishing institution it is to-day. A native of Oxfordshire, he has been the popular captain of Dartford ringers for some 14 or 15 years.

There were rejoicings at Appleton, Berks, for the 70th birthday of Mr. Richard White, the peal of Grandsire Caters on December 2nd being in his honour. Mr. White has figured in three record lengths—the 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton and the world record of 21,363 Stedman Caters there in 12 hours 25 minutes in 1922, and the 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford in 1946.

The peal of Barnet Surprise Major was rung by Mr. Harold G. Cashmore's band without previous practice!

Congratulations to Mr. John H. Gartside, of the Lancashire Association and College Youths, on his 100th peal.

The first peal on the newly augmented six at Eaton, Leics., was to the memory of Mr. T. E. Pearson, the donor of the treble.

The conductor and ringer of the tenor of the peal at Wonston, Hants, on November 15th, was Mr. Leslie Tremeer. It was his 50th.

Commented upon previously in this column, Albanian Surprise Royal, writes conductor Horace E. G. Goodenough, will extend to Maximus.

In sending us his 350th peal, Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, puts us right in the number of 'circles' he has completed. He has conducted 'round the circle' in eight eight-bell towers, not twice round the circle in eight eight-bell towers. As a matter of fact he can claim to have done this in four towers! Next theorem, please!

The 82nd birthday of that popular Welsh ringer, J. W. Jones, of Newport, was remembered by 1,260 Plain Bob Royal at St. John the Baptist's, Cardiff. The ringers were L. Hulbert 1, T. Yeomans 2, J. Bailey 3, W. Heath 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, W. Dare 7, A. Parnell 8, J. Worrall 9, E. Coombes (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for ringers of 1, 7 and 9.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Man Bites Dog . . .'

WHAT CONSTITUTES RINGING NEWS?

Dear Sir,—I do not think that I could agree more fully with most of what is written by Mr. Malings in the issue of December 12th, especially with the suggestion for printing peal records. Not that I would advocate it for all time. I can well remember opening my first ringing journal nearly 40 years ago, and recollect thinking how well the peal columns looked—worthy records of most worthy jobs—and I have seldom had reason to think otherwise, until now.

The present restricted paper supply creates the necessity of cuts, and I believe that peal records should bear the proportion of space restriction that they undoubtedly deserve. I am reminded of the story of the cub reporter who asked his News Editor to define back-page 'copy' and front-page 'news.' The great man replied, 'A story, "Dog bites man," would be back page copy; a story, "Man bites dog," would be front page news'!

Recently I read in Belfry Gossip that Mr. H. J. Poole had called a peal of Cambridge Maximus in hand, and I unashamedly confess that I was agog to see the set-up of the band who rang this peal—'Man bites dog' with a vengeance; on the other hand, the peal columns of November 28th and the following week were headed by peals of Maximus, again conducted by Mr. H. J. Poole, the equivalent of four inches (or so) of column space filled with 'Dog bites man' copy. I support Mr. Malings' suggestion that peals be printed in the form now used for quarter-peals, returning to their present prominence immediately the need for restriction has passed.

I am afraid I cannot travel all the way with Mr. Malings' remarks about reports of meetings. I believe the 'dreary recitals' he mentions are mainly the outcome of past policy. Just recently, in committee of the Essex Association, we called for a forthright statement of present-day policy, and were met by the reply that the fault lies mainly with the reports sent in (which we can well believe). The result you will find in three-quarters of a column on November 14th, devoted to the doings of the 'Crusaders' of the S.W. Division of our Association, published as submitted. I do not suggest, for one moment, that this was a 'Dog bites man' story. I am, however, suggesting that it was properly written by someone well versed in precis writing, able to condense facts into a readable story of modest length, which any self-respecting Editor would pass for publication with a minimum of trouble.

Where Mr. Malings calls for more correspondence, it matters not so much as to whether writing is merely a personal viewpoint (how many, do you imagine, are in a position to write on behalf of a majority?), but as to whether the subject matter is wide or narrow. By all means let us encourage correspondence. The Editor cannot be expected to write the whole of the matter; nor should he attempt to dictate the actual styles so long as they are reasonable; but let the letters be impersonal, well expressed views on matters of general interest.

Constructively, then, in this time of restriction, I would suggest that the editorial, one day in the near future, should offer us some guidance on the subject of reports and correspondence; and, if I were writing it, these points would receive prominence: (a) That, obviously, the larger meetings and functions should receive more prominent notice; (b) that, so far as is possible, all detail submitted would be stated, where they appear to be of value; (c) that correspondents should try to model their reports on the style to be found in the journal itself, thus to save the Editor as much re-writing as may be; (d) that the drafts submitted be fairly widely spaced and not cramped unduly, to enable the Editor to blue pencil clearly where necessary; (e) that, wherever possible, the reports should be typewritten, or, at least, very clearly handwritten (I should hate any Editor to have to read mine!); (f) and, finally, that editorial alterations be accepted as being made by the expert who has the whole picture of his paper's requirement before his eye.

G. L. JOYCE,
Deputy Master, Essex Association.

Aids to Teaching

A SOMERSET METHOD.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest letters by 'Adsum' and 'Mentor.' I cannot agree with 'Mentor' that learners are pushed on far too quickly. I have often found they are not pushed along fast enough, and lose interest. My first experience at teaching change ringing (some 40 years ago) was when I agreed to teach a stoney band. By the time I had taught them one method I was convinced that rounds and/or call changes were not of any use in learning change ringing. Both styles of ringing are as far apart as the two poles. I should be better understood, perhaps, if I classify rounds, etc., as 'stationary' ringing and change ringing 'movement.'

Before starting to teach pupils it is well to remember that they have been taught a more direct method of approach to subjects in our schools to-day than they were years ago.

Striking is the principal thing in ringing, and before I take pupils up in a tower I satisfy myself that they have a good ear. If I have any doubt I ask the other ringers to ring a plain Doubles method with tenor covering. I then go outside with them and ask them to pick out the treble and tell me the positions she strikes in. Not until they can do this do I arrange a dumb practice.

When they can handle their rope right, and balance their bell with ease at both strokes, I take another bell, a heavier one for preference, and ring this one myself, the same as if I were ringing changes, starting with dodging, place making and hunting, finishing up with a course of the method they are first going to ring open. In this two bell practice I always insist that they should pull the same time as myself and not follow me. In this way they get the exact timing required for change ringing.

During these practices I take the opportunity of teaching them the first method they will ring open, also give them as much single-handed handbell practice as possible in this method. By using this way of training I have seen a learner ring several plain courses of Bob Minor the first time he has rung open, and within a month he has rung a 720 on an inside bell without any assistance. In the case of another learner, from the time he first handled a bell until he could ring Grandsire inside was six weeks.

As regards the first method to teach a youngster, I think that is immaterial. You would not expect a 10 or 12 bell tower to start with Doubles or Bob Minor, or do the same as I have seen in a six-bell tower, put a learner on the tenor to Bob Minor. From one end of the country to the other there are hundreds of instructors who are always willing to help the individual or band. Contact the nearest to you, follow his or her instructions, and I am sure you will soon make good.

There are plenty of text books, all of which are good. One of the most helpful is 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners.'—Yours faithfully,

B. T. JEANES.

Bridgwater, Somerset.

TO LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—Might I, now that the end of the year is upon us, publicly thank the University of London Society for the help and assistance they have rendered to the tower of St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, as well as arranging to be present in sufficient numbers on a practice night, thereby making things easier for learners? The Society are regularly ringing for Sunday services twice a month.

On behalf of the Vicar and wardens, I remain, yours, etc.,

ERNEST J. POWE, Hon. Towerkeeper.

Hornsey, London.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE DRAKE.

Mr. George Drake 71), a treble ringer at Brighouse St. Martin's for the past 52 years and conductor for over 40 years, died at his home after a brief illness on December 21st, and was interred on Christmas Eve to the sound of his beloved bells being as well struck as he always insisted they should be, half-muffled in Kent Treble Bob, his favourite method. He had rung on every royal and national celebration, commencing with a peal for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897, and took part in a Royal Wedding touch last month. C.F.S.

MR. C. J. ELLIS.

Master of the St. Nicholas' band of ringers, Harwich, Mr. Charles James Ellis died at his home, Victoria Villas, Garland Road, Parkeston, on December 12th, aged 68.

For over 56 years he had been a ringer, and apart from his valued work at Harwich he had been Master of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association for the past three years.

Mr. Ellis had an association of 49 years with the railway and drove the first Flushing boat train from Liverpool Street to Harwich in 1926.

The funeral service was at St. Paul's, Parkeston, on December 16th. The Rev. J. S. Hole, Vicar of Harwich, in a moving tribute, recalled how on many celebrated occasions during the last 50 years Mr. Ellis had rung the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, and sent out the pealing message thousands of times. 'Our ringers will miss him very much,' the Vicar said. 'To-night those bells which he rang so often are muffled. As they are rung they will send forth a sad tone as if they too were missing the master hand which had rung them for so many years.'

The handbells were rung over the open grave by Messrs. S. Jennings, E. Scarfe, G. Moss and W. Felgate.

MR. THOMAS WARD.

Bishop's Stortford belfry has lost a valued member and their vice-president by the sudden death on December 16th of Mr. Thomas Ward. Although not a peal ringer, he enjoyed many quarter-peals and took a great interest in ringers' functions. As a service ringer he was most regular.

Civic-minded, Mr. Ward was chairman of Bishop's Stortford Urban Council from 1936-1939 and from 1941-46. He was chairman of the Guardians Committee from 1943 until his death. The Rhodes Birthplace Memorial was opened during his chairmanship of the Council.

The funeral service was at St. Michael's Church and he was laid to rest in the new cemetery on December 19th. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung: Miss D. Wacey 1, W. T. Prior 2, W. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, H. Bull 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Bird 8. F. B.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's on Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. Morris 1, R. G. Long 2, P. G. Parrott 3, J. Warner 4, F. S. Shorter 5, F. W. Richardson 6, J. E. Warner 7, G. H. Dayne (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

TARRING, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 different callings: S. Ashton 1, H. Luther (first inside) 2, F. Chipper (first inside) 3, R. Wood, jun. 4, H. Weaver (first as cond.) 5, F. Jackson (first quarter) 6.

Mr. Walter F. Judge's Peals

Peal ringers will join with us in congratulating Mr. W. F. Judge, of Oxford, on the variety of his 400 peals. They have been rung in 93 towers and for 17 Guilds and Associations.

Minor (various), rung 9 (conducted 4).

Grandsire Doubles, 1; Triples, 32 (20); *Caters, 18 (12); Cinques, 3 (3).

Stedman Doubles, 1 (1); Triples, 102 (65); Caters, 30 (22); †Cinques, 35 (15); Erin Caters, 1 (1).

D.N.C.B. Caters, 1 (1); Major, 33 (28).

Bob Major, 17 (11); Royal, 3 (1); Maximus, 1.

K.T.B. Major, 9 (2); K.T.B. Royal, 3 (1); Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Major, 3 (1); Spliced Bob Major and K.T.B. Major, 2 (2); Little Bob Major, 2 (1).

Cambridge Surprise Major, 26 (11); Royal, 9 (2); Maximus, 7 (1).

Superlative Surprise Major, 6 (2); Bristol Surprise Major, 12 (8); London Surprise Major, 5 (1); Ashtead Surprise Major, 2 (1); Yorkshire Surprise Major, 7 (6); Lincolnshire Surprise Major, 2 (1); Rutland Surprise Major, 1 (1); Painswick Surprise Major, 1; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1.

Spliced Surprise Major—four methods, 5 (3); five methods, 2; six methods, 1 (1); eight methods, 2 (2); ten methods, 1 (1).

Yorkshire Surprise Royal, 2; New Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Bob Major (handbells), 1; total 400; conducted 232.

* Including 16,271 (record). † Including 12,663 (record).

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

AMBITIONS AT LLANELLY.

Presiding at the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Llanelly on December 13th, the Rev. J. C. Jones expressed a wish that it would be possible to augment the ring of six at the Church of St. Elli, Llanelly, to eight. He hoped that someone could be found with anything up to £1,000 available for such an addition. He had taken a Form of Service to send to someone in Australia who was interested in the Guild.

The Chairman also extended a cordial invitation to the visitors and expressed his regret at the illness of the Guild secretary (Mr. Hawkins). He moved from the chair that a message of sympathy be sent to Mr. Hawkins wishing him a speedy recovery.

The acting secretary, Mr. David H. Betts (Haverfordwest), reported that Mr. F. Sharpe, of Taunton, had consented to act as adjudicator at the competition at Llandovery on May 4th. Three new members were elected, viz., John Jones (Llanelly), Harry Lillicrop (Tenby) and Renita Sabine (Burry Port).

An invitation from Mr. Betts to hold the next quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Haverfordwest, on March 13th, was accepted.

Among matters ventilated and upon which no action was taken were the following:—

(1) That a year book, showing members' names, bands in the Guild and peals rung, etc., should be prepared for the annual meeting.

(2) That discrimination be made between learner members and those who could ring 120 changes.

(3) That instructors be given expenses so that out of the way bands could be visited.

A notice of motion was given by Mr. Jenkins for the annual meeting, 'That no ringer becomes a ringing member of the Guild until he or she has rung 30 changes, such as a plain course of Grandsire.'

Mr. J. Williams moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and to the ladies who had helped to make the meeting and tea so enjoyable.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss M. Botham 1, Miss Y. Botham 2, F. Simpson 3, F. Wilde 4, S. Depledge 5, A. Hibbert (cond.) 6. Longest length by an entirely local band. In memoriam Frank Johnson.

— Still Peal Ringing at 94 —



The amazing vitality of Mr. James George has astounded his friends. We assure him in answer to his question that no other ringer of 94 has ever rung a peal. Our picture, for which we are indebted to 'The Bournemouth Daily Echo,' shows Mr. George with his beloved handbells on which he rang his 94th birthday peal of Grandsire Triples. This was the first peal on the bells and his friends hope that he will be spared to ring many more in years to come.

BOCKING'S SPLICED SURPRISE RECORDED

On December 13th a peal board was dedicated at Bocking, Essex, recording the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Essex Association by a resident band. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking, who afterwards addressed the company present and then joined them at tea in the Church Hut.

Ringing before and after the dedication included Spliced Surprise Major, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

Among those present other than the band who rang the peal were Miss H. G. Snowden (District Master), Mr. H. A. Pratt (district secretary) and Mr. H. E. Hammond, of Braintree, who was 82 the previous Thursday and whose name appears on peal boards in the belfry recording peals rung in 1892. The new board is very well executed, being made of wood with white lettering as follows:—

'The Essex Association, at Bocking, on March 11th, 1939, a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, 5,056 changes, in 3 hours 9 minutes: C. Snowdon 1, F. Claydon 2, R. Martin 3, Hilda Snowdon 4, R. Suckling 5, Basil Redgwell 6, Lewis Wiffen 7, Albert Wiffen 8. Composed by J. Topp, conducted by Lewis Wiffen. The peal consisted of 2,560 of London, 1,216 Bristol, 768 Cambridge and 512 Superlative, with 120 changes of method. This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung for the Association by a resident band. Edgar Rogers, Dean. H. Joyce, G. Cole, Churchwardens.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT. — On Dec. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss Rigby 1, A. D. Steele 2, N. Randall 3, A. Peake 4, F. Wilshaw 5, C. H. Page 6, W. P. Deane (cond.) 7, N. Holland 8.

QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKS. — On Dec. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: F. White 1, F. A. White 2, A. Holifield 3, C. White 4, F. Messenger 5, W. C. Porter (cond.) 6, F. C. White 7, G. Holifield 8, R. White 9, E. Drewitt 10.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Huckstepp 1, W. W. Ring 2, T. Campbell (first quarter) 3, W. A. Oldfield (cond.) 4, P. Page 5. H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett 7, D. Godden 8.

BANBURY, OXON. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cave 1, H. Alexander 2, W. Watson 3, F. Selwyn, sen. 4, T. Impey 5, J. Simons 6, J. Stretton (cond.) 7, H. Bishop (first quarter) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Plater 1, Miss Helen Gardner (first quarter in method) 2, Miss Hilda Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, S. J. Humprey 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, E. C. Bishop 8.

BURFORD, OXON. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Soden 1, J. Keyte 2, B. S. Nichols 3, F. W. Soden 4, I. D. Harris (first in method as cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, H. Francis (first in method) 8.

CANTERBURY.—On Dec. 7th, at St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. V. Wilsden 1, D. Wilsden 2, D. Chatfield 3, C. Philpott 4, Brenda Philpott (cond.) 5, J. Stockbridge 6. First in method 1 and 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Mullard 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, M. Smither 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, A. J. Brown 5, E. T. Lee 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, F. Cooper 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Curryer (age 14, first quarter) 1, R. Oliver 2, P. C. Delman 3, E. Gower 4, P. Rollison 5, H. G. F. Reynolds (cond.) 6, F. Dallaway 7, W. Erridge 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, J. G. Nash 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. Newman 6, A. Warren 7, R. H. Begrie (first in method as cond.) 8.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. — On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dennison 1, L. Townley 2, T. Haslam 3, L. Pearson 4, H. Pearson 5, T. Clement (cond.) 6, K. Holmes 7, S. Edmondson 8. A silver wedding compliment to the ringer of 2.

LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. P. Whitehead (first quarter) 1, R. J. Edden 2, Miss E. Hall 3, J. R. Ball 4, E. H. Adams 5, W. Huxley 6, H. C. Burt (cond.) 7, F. I. Eaton 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Benson 1, Doris M. Killingley 2, T. Watkin 3, Betty E. Strutt 4, S. Thorpe 5, J. Southam 6, R. Spencer (cond.) 7, A. H. Morton 8. First quarter in method by 1, 4 and 7.

SEAL, KENT. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. Harris 1, R. Collins (cond.) 2, A. Wenban 3, Miss D. Colgate 4, G. Godfrey 5, F. Acott 6. In memoriam Mr. J. Harris, captain of local ringers.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (handbells): Miss M. Critchell (first quarter) 1-2, P. H. Sparkes 3-4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5-6.

THORINGTON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Duisbury (first quarter) 1, H. J. Millatt 2, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 3, G. B. Andrews 4, G. Button 5, G. A. Andrews 6.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, at All Saints', 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Gray 1, D. Wilsden 2, C. Philpott 3, C. Dinot 4, R. Port 5, Brenda Philpott (cond.) 6. First quarter for ringer of 1. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 14th, 1,248 London Surprise Major: Miss M. G. Campbell 1, Miss J. Gaymer 2, Miss H. Stobbs 3, Miss M. Fidell 4, S. W. Stratford 5, R. Alder Gofton 6, Richard A. Gofton (cond.) 7, W. L. Gofton 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

Lancashire Association

WIGAN BRANCH.

A good attendance, with representatives from the Preston and Liverpool branches present, was forthcoming for the December meeting of the Wigan Branch at Standish.

Canon W. Mellor (Vicar) presided at the meeting, which followed a short service and tea. Arising from the minutes, Mr. F. Bradley (Preston) extended the congratulations of the Preston Branch to the Wigan Branch on their first Surprise peal for the late Mr. F. Rigby and Mr. T. Gilmour.

Nominations for the following posts were received: Vice-president, W. Taylor (Preston); treasurer, R. Williams (Manchester); ringing secretary, A. Tomlinson (Blackburn); auditor, E. Birket (Liverpool) or S. Deardin (Oldham); Central Council, L. Williams, F. Bradley, Rev. Roberts, J. Ridyard.

One new member, Mr. C. Lowe (Emmanuel, Southport), was elected. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Marshall (Parbold) and seconded by Mr. F. Bradley to those responsible for the service, the organ, the very good tea and for the use of the bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Faversham on December 13th, some 80 members and friends from the district, as well as members from the Lewisham and Rochester Districts, attending. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. R. Ball).

An excellent tea, including an iced Christmas cake, had been prepared in the Grammar School Hall. No routine business was scheduled, but one new member was elected. Mention was made of the proposed memorial to the late Mr. C. Tumber, of Teynham. The secretary's motion that the day's collection of £2 be given to the fund for the addition of three new bells at Thanington (Canterbury) Church, this being their war memorial, met with instant agreement. Thanks were passed to all those responsible for the afternoon's enjoyment.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Dec. 13th, with a good attendance, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Royal. Among the visitors were two members of the R.A.F. from Bawtry and Edmonton. At the business meeting the retiring officers were re-elected.

As the Ladies' Guild (Western Branch) intend visiting Swindon in January, no meeting was arranged for that month, and it was proposed to hold meetings at South Marston and Rodbourne Cheney in February and March respectively.

LIVERPOOL SURPRISE

Rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, Oct. 24th, 1947.

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Beverley and District Society

HEDON BELLS DESCRIBED.

One of the finest of the many old churches in the North of England is St. Augustine's, Hedon, which was built during the 12th century. The edifice was known as the 'King of Holderness'—a title in every sense appropriate to its fine and majestic appearance, as its magnificent, tall, square, turreted tower can be seen from a great distance. This tower was commenced about 1427 and took some 10 years to complete.

The bells are a fine musical ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.). From the 18th century there were only six bells, but in 1929 these were recast and at the same time, by the generous gift of the late Col. and Mrs. Lambert White, two new bells were added. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

1.—Eustace Roper, Richard Gibson, Churchwardens, 1776.

2.—Wind them and bringe them and I will ring for them. 1687.

3, 4 and 5.—William and Philip Wightman made me, 1686. The gvift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon, in Yorkshire.

6.—The gvift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon, in Yorkshire. 1687. S. S. Ebor.

7.—Cast by Taylors, Loughborough. William Lambert White, 1929.

8.—Cast by Taylors, Loughborough. Elizabeth White, 1929.

The initials S.S. ending the inscription on the sixth bell are those of Samuel Smith, a bellfounder of York. William and Philip Wightman were bellfounders in London in 1682-1702. Sir Charles Duncomb was elected in 1685 to represent the Borough of Hedon in Parliament, at which time Hedon had two M.P.'s.

The Beverley Society visited this tower on December 13th and received a very warm welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Dann), who conducted the service and wished the Society success in bringing about a revival in ringing. There was an attendance of over 30, representing 14 towers, at the splendid tea in the Church Institute.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. L. Rodmell (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary).

Open nights for general practice were announced at the following towers: Last Monday in the month, Holy Trinity, Hull; first Tuesday after monthly meeting, Beverley Minster; first Wednesday, Market Weighton; last Wednesday, Collingham; first Thursday in the month, Hessle.

Suggested venues for monthly meetings were St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, January; North Ferriby, February. The Rev. C. E. Dann and Mr. Jack Reed were elected active members.

Mr. K. Ornibo moved and Mr. Tve seconded a resolution calling upon the Society to consider the formation of a library at an early date.

Votes of thanks passed included tributes to the Vicar and Mr. C. H. Hunter and the local company for their efficient arrangements for the meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Selby Abbey ringers provided a Christmassy touch to the proceedings when the Eastern District met at Selby on December 20th. During the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Read), they played carols on handbells.

At the quarterly meeting the Vicar spoke of his association with Mr. James George at Rugby many years ago, remarking that Mr. George taught him to handle a bell in the Rugby tower, and saying how pleased he was to hear that Mr. George was still ringing peals at 94 years of age. Hessle was chosen for the next meeting.

There was an attendance of 36 ringers, representing 16 towers. Ringing in the standard methods continued until 8.30 p.m.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

PHILBRICK.—On Dec. 24th, at 1721, London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, after a few days' illness, John Ernest, aged 64, for 30 years bellringer at Lyme Regis, and latterly at St. Mary's, Prittlewell. 2868

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free. Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

'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. 2174

A masterpiece in research into the art of change ringing, 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d., post free. — 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

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 ASSOCIATION.—Meeting St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Sat., Jan. 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30. 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', Pitsmoor, Sheffield, 3 to 4.45; St. Mary's, 6.30 to 8.30. Tea obtainable in city.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2797

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting Horsham (8), Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea. 2826

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. 2830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting Westerham, Jan. 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent. 2841

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Jan. 3rd, 3 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5.30. Special welcome to Sheffield and East Derbyshire friends. — William Lancaster, General Sec. 2840

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at Bedford (St. Peter's). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2842

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 that 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

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

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at Marsham on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Reading Room at 2s. per head. Please send names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 2838

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Bocking, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. IMPORTANT.—Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to R. Suckling, 83, Church Street, Bocking, Braintree.—H. A. Pratt, District Secretary. 2846

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.— Annual meeting, Brentwood (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 6th, please.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 2845

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to me by the Wednesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 2844

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Southampton, Jan. 10th, 2.30. Tea 5.15, St. Michael's Hall. Names by Jan. 6th. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 2843

FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH — Practice meeting at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Casson, Avondale House, Kirkby-in-Furness. 2876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Market Harborough. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Cadenza Cafe. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wallington, 106, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, by Jan. 6th.—L. W. Allen. 2875

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Jan. 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 2870

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Anston meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, Anston, by Jan. 6th.—H. Denman.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting, Church Kirk, Jan. 10th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Jan. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. IMPORTANT. — Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to J. N. Kirkbride, Rose Cottage, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth. — J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 2861

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Shildon (8), Jan. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 8th to J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 2856

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.— Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, at Christchurch. Bells (12) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify for tea by Jan. 8th to Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 2859

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Preston, Liverpool and Wigan Branches at Wigan Parish Church, Jan. 10th. Bells (10) 2.30. No service and no business. Make your own arrangements for tea. If you want a good ring come to Wigan. 2857

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, Jan. 10th. Bells 2.30 to 4.30, Holy Trinity 6.30 to 9. Tea (3s.), 5, Y.P.I. Notify Miss Lidgley, 105, Marlborough Avenue, Hull, by Jan. 8th.— Albert E. Sellers. 2865

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting, Biggleswade, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2854

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Thrapston, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service 5.15. Tea 6. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 2853

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Moorside on Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Bring own food.—I. Kay, Hon. Sec. 2852

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Uckfield (8), Jan. 10th, 3. Tea 5. Will members of committee attend if possible?—C. A. Bassett. 2850

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, Frome. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea not later than Jan. 7th to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 2848

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10th, Bell Foundry bells 2.30. Service and use of Parish Church bells times not yet fixed. Tea and meeting in Fearon Hall 5, price 2s. Names for tea to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by Jan. 6th. 2847

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.— Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. —C. W. Lawton, Hon. Sec. 2869

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next General Meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The new ring of 12 bells, tenor 35 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in Chapter House 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Cathedral schools. Applications for tickets by 14th to J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Secretary, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2839

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Mary's (10), Nottingham, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., Milton Cafe. Names to Mr. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. All welcome. 2849

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent, not later than Jan. 13th. Ringing at Rochester Cathedral after the meeting. — B. W. May, Hon. District Secretary. 2851

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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, Jan. 5th, practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 7.15. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Sec. 2878

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 10th, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, 3. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. Ringing after meeting.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2879

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to T. G. Myers by Jan. 12th. 2790

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify J. B. Heesey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by 14th latest.— F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. District Sec. 2858

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at Mistley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea must be sent to me not later than Jan. 12th.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 2860

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17th, Watermoor. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 6 (reply by Jan. 12th). Parish Church (12) after tea.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester. 2862

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2863

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting at St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Further details next week.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2872

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2873

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting, at the Broderick Hall. Names by Jan. 10th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2866

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Ringing has recommenced at St. George's, Southwark. Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a Fieldhouse Road, S.W.12. 2865

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all conductors who have called peals for the Yorkshire Association during the past year please send in their reports to me without delay unless they have already done so?—W. Barton (Peal Sec.), 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, near Leeds. 2874

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

The North and East District held a meeting at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 29th, when over 40 members and visitors were present. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. H. Booth).

Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, presided at the business meeting, when the recent deaths of Messrs. J. H. Wilkins and H. Street (Walthamstow), B. Windmill (Hendon) and C. H. Pothecary (Streatham) were referred to.

Those elected to membership were the Rev. F. J. Finch (Stamford Hill), W. T. Holmes (Welwyn Garden City), A. Boomsma, G. Boomsma, R. Stedman and the Rev. F. Marshall (Stepney), Miss I. Cording and Miss G. Friswell (Upper Clapton). The ringing included rounds and ranged up to Surprise Royal under the leadership of Mr. A. Cutler (Ringing Master), and thanks were accorded to the Rector, Mr. L. Fox and other helpers for an enjoyable meeting.

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ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 5, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, three Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and two Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*DOUGLAS BELLAMY	*Treble*	†CLAUDE TARR	4
†STANLEY BRISTOW ...	2	HARRY PURCHASE ...	5
†GEORGE SPARKES ...	3	†EDGAR QUICKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in three methods.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*E. G. D. TONKIN (13)	*Treble*	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE...	4
A. PATRICK CANNON ...	2	BENJAMIN STEPNEY ...	5
†ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	3	†FRANK H. HICKS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal. † 75th peal together. First peal on the bells.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FENTON ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	JACK LISHMAN	4
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON...	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ...	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB...	3	THOMAS W. DODD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE ...	*Treble*	†DOUGLAS BELLAMY ...	3
*RAYMOND WINTER ...	2	CLAUDE TARR	4
HARRY PURCHASE ...			*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.
* First peal 'inside' and on five bells. † First on five bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	ALBERT PEGG	4
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	*DENNIS POYNTZ	5
JOHN ALDIS, SEN. ...	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE POYNTZ.
* First peal. In honour of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Poyntz and Miss G. Wilson.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST J. ROWE ...	*Treble*	*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER...	4
*JOHN M. PAYTON ...	2	THOMAS BEVAN	5
*GEOFFREY F. CARTER ...	3	FREDERICK A. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.
* First six-bell peal. First peal for the Society as conductor. For the bicentenary of the Society.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	4
*GEORGE E. LARGE ...	2	JOHN PINFOLD	5
HENRY H. FEARN ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
100th peal as conductor for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 25, 1947, *in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	1-2	ERNEST W. PYE	3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD	5-6		

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 26, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 12 in F.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD,
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

ARTHUR D. COOK	1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3-4
GEORGE E. FEARN	5-6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

BOURNEMOUTH.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 1, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
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	JAMES GEORGE	7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
A compliment to Mr. James George on his 94th birthday.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT 17, ORTON GROVE, PENN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	1-2	ALBERT D. COLLINS	3-4
ERIC E. SPEAKE	5-6		

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 2, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS	7-8

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These famous bell-founding firms have kindly consented to this adaptation of their advertisements to meet the pressure on our space, due to the compulsory reduction in the number of our pages this week.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

THIS week we publish the solution of the Christmas Quiz, and there is no lack of evidence that the introduction of this feature and the Crossword created widespread interest. Not all of our readers enjoyed this innovation. Writes one whose opinions we respect; 'Please do not waste precious space on puzzles, quizes and general frivolity. They may be suitable for less dignified journals, but a serious technical paper like ours may surely be spared. There may be some small demand for these things, but I think in this case "The Ringing World" can do some good educative work by forming taste and raising standards.'

On the other hand, the competitors have included leading personalities in the Exercise, men who give leadership. One, in offering his congratulations and thanks to 'Kewsett' for the interest and entertainment provided, adds that both have given rise to considerable discussion in his district. From one of our humbler ringers comes the following comment at the end of his paper, in which he returned seven out of ten correct replies: 'Not yet being (after years and years of hunting) off the treble to Grandsire, I can hardly hope that the foregoing will show anything more than a dismal ignorance of the art of ringing. I should, however, like to thank "Kewsett" for his very entertaining posers, which have given me much enjoyment during Christmas. And may it not be long before he's at it again.'

One other comment from an old friend of 'The Ringing World': 'Please give us some more; they can be very educational in the ringing field. . . . The quiz gave us quite a lot to chat about. One ringer, in fact, said to me on Christmas Eve, "If you can tell me the Welsh Cathedral with the detached campanile, I'll swop that answer for any other one in the quiz. I've spent hours scanning the Encyclopædia Britannica, and know it isn't Llandaff, Bangor, etc., but can't find out which it is!"' The Editor was impressed by the number of young competitors. Answers in some cases went to several pages and diagrams were introduced in regard to the peal at Westminster Abbey to show the axis of rotation and the axis of symmetry! The response has led us to conclude that it was a stimulating experiment that justified the space occupied, and the mathematically inclined among our readers are more numerous than we imagined.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 4 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¾ cwt. in D.

*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	†WALTER ALLMAN	7
†ALAN A. POTTS (15) ...	2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	8
*JAMES FERNLEY	3	*GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	†ERIC J. GILBERT	10
*CYRIL VALENTINE	5	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	11
*C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	6	*JOHN WORTH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First twelve-bell peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MRS. K. F. J. PARR	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	*DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	8
†MRS. M. H. HOPGOOD	4	GEOFFREY DODDS ...	9
‡MISS SHEILA E. HARRIS	5	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal. For the 65th birthday of Mr. Harry Brooks.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR	*Treble*	*MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ...	6
JAMES F. CLARKE ...	2	*JOHN GIBBONS	7
*JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	*HARRY HARRIS	8
*FRANK TROTMAN	4	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	9
*JOHN THOMPSON	5	*JOHN E. S. MORETON...	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First on ten for 3, 7 and 8.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER JARVIS	*Treble*	JAMES PHILLIPS	6
*MISS M. LONGBOTTOM	2	WALTER STOREY	7
FRED WIGMORE	3	WALTER FREEMAN	8
HARRY PIGGINS	4	HARRY MEANS	9
*MISS MARY WHITLOCK...	5	*FRED MOYES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (CCC. 30). Conducted by F. WIGMORE.
* First peal. First of Grandsire Caters by all.

LONDON, S.W.
ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	*JOHN W. STEPHENSON...	6
HERBERT LANGDON ...	2	WILLIAM J. PAICE ...	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD...	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	8
*GORDON R. ALLSOP ...	4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
WILLIAM LANGDON ...	5	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 20 cwt.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	3	THOMAS HEMMING ...	8
DENIS R. MORRIS	4	*REGINALD WOODYATT ...	9
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ...	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PACKER ...	6
HARRY F. HOLDING ...	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
*RICHARD D. LANGFORD	3	EDW. V. RODENHURST	8
RICHARD T. HOLDING...	4	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	9
CYRIL TABERNER	5	ALAN F. THIRST ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. HOWELL.
* 100th peal. † 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ...	*Treble*	E. ROGER MARTIN ...	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	*EDW. COWPERTHWAITE	6
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ...	3	JOHN CHARNOCK	7
JOHN JACKSON	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by ED. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band and in the branch.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	5
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	2	†LESLIE WARNER	6
*MRS. F. A. MUNDAY ...	3	C. ERNEST SMITH ...	7
LEONARD STILWELL ...	4	*NOEL STACEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

HAROLD WALKER ...	*Treble*	*FRANK REED	5
RONALD H. DOVE ...	2	*ALBERT FORD	6
*MARY WALSHAW	3	*RICHARD BENSON	7
*HERBERT LUDKIN ...	4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *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	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ...	6
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
GEORGE W. STEERE ...	4	WM. H. INWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
G. SYDNEY JOYCE	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS...	7
THOMAS E. DENYER ...	4	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER ...	*Treble*	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ...	5
MRS. F. A. PENN	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	6
FRANK A. PENN	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
REGINALD H. NEWTON...	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS	*Treble*	*ERIC B. HARTLEY ...	5
*DENNIS A. BAYLES ...	2	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	6
*PATRICIA HOLMES ...	3	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	7
FRANCIS KIRK	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN CHURCH	*Treble*	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
BETTY SPICE	2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ...	6
†C. HENRY HARDING ...	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	7
†RONALD J. SHARP ...	4	†BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 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.

*ALEXANDER S. WATT ...	*Treble*	RONALD E. NORRIS ...	5
FREDK. RICHARDSON ...	2	THOMAS BEAUMONT ...	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT ...	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT...	7
†VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. For the King's birthday.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Containing 2,496 changes of London, 1,344 Bristol, 640 Cambridge and 608 Superlative, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	FREDK. J. CULLUM ...	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
HARRY HOVERD	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. SWANN ...	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN ...	5
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
REV. M. MELVILLE ...	3	*FRANK E. HAYNES ...	7
HENRY H. FEARN ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Belgrave Major. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALBERT E. THOMPSON...	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...	5
*CHARLES W. WALKLAKE	2	JACK BAILEY	6
†HENRY K. WATERFIELD	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	4	WALTER SHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal. † First peal away from tenor.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	*RONALD MARLOW	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	2	PETER ANGER	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR ...	3	LEONARD HARRIS	7
LESLIE A. PAGE	4	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Major.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

E. JOAN SALMONS ...	*Treble*	RICHARD SMITH	5
NESTA D. SMITH	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	3	LESLIE A. TREMEER ...	7
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*REG. ROWLEY ...	*Treble*	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND...	5
WILLIAM P. DEANE ...	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	JOHN WORTH	7
†ARTHUR PEAKE	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALEC MUNDY	*Treble*	HENRY J. SANGER ...	5
*H. PERCY SPARKS ...	2	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	6
*FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SIX BELL PEALS

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 29, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 5 cwt

*MISS JUNE HENSHAW ...	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	4
F. HORSFIELD	2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ...	5
CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	3	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. LAWTON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. A visual aid to memory was used by the conductor.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. G. BEDDOW ...	*Treble*	CLIFFORD BARRON	4
WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	5
A. EDWARD REEVES ...	3	CHARLES E. EDWARDS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Plain Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

MISS YVONNE BOTHAM	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
*MISS MAVIS BOTHAM ...	2	†SAM DEPLEDGE	5
ARTHUR HIBBERT	3	JAMES A. MILNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.
* First peal in three methods 'inside.' † First peal.

CURRY MALLET, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 10, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DENNIS R. BEST ...	*Treble*	*FREDERICK WELCH ...	4
MRS. E. S. POWELL ...	2	REGINALD BEALE	5
*REGINALD WELCH ...	3	JOHN T. LOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 8, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

E. EDMONDSON	...*Treble*	J. HALE	4
JOHN BROWN	2	W. H. DEACON	5
T. S. HORRIDGE	3	JOHN MCKEE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MCKEE.
In memoriam James McKee, brother of the conductor and a member of the local band 1923-1939, who was killed in action June, 1940.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 10, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

*HORACE J. BENTLEY	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE	4
WM. H. A. COMPTON	2	†ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	5
ALLEN MORGAN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 10, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS VERA DRAPER	...*Treble*	J. POUNDS	4
A. MAWDSLEY	2	R. CRITCHLEY	5
C. ACKERS	3	W. CORE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. CORE.
* First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Dec. 10, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	...*Treble*	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	*ALAN CATTELL	5
JILL POOLE	3	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1947 *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*ALFRED ABRAHAM	...*Treble*	ROBERT LARKEY	4
JAMES TAYLOR	2	‡MRS. PHYLLIS BOOTH	5
†MISS A. ABRAHAM	3	WM. H. DEACON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Minor.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

LEONARD TOSELAND	...*Treble*	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	4
*MISS ENID WALKLAKE	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
*JOHN SHATFORD	3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in seven methods.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOUGLAS BELLAMY	...*Treble*	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER	4
RAYMOND WINTER	2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR	5
ARTHUR VENTON	3	WILLIAM COMMINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD F. ELLIS	...*Treble*	F. CECIL MOGFORD	4
†THOMAS W. HARRIS	2	*C. J. FORD	5
JOHN W. OWEN	3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN.
* First peal of Plain Bob. † First of Plain Bob 'inside.'

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

NORMAN B. FOVARGUE	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DAWSON	4
*ROBERT HOWARD	2	†JOHN P. MORRISS	5
CYRIL WANDER	3	GEORGE R. DAWSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. WANDER.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First Surprise peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 3, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	5-6
FRED HODGSON	3-4	ERNEST BETTS	7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Triples as conductor 'in hand.' An 82nd birthday compliment to Eli Walters, of St. Peter's band, and John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

EPSOM.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 7, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

PHILIP M. J. GRAY	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	3-4	GEOFFREY DODDS	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Dec. 9, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE VERGER'S LODGE, ST. MARGARET'S VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal of Triples 'in hand' as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 11, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	OLAVE E. BROYD	7-8

Composed by G. E. JENNINGS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 12, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

December was a very successful month for the Southwell Guild in the matter of augmentations. They were Radcliff-on-Trent, 6 to 8, on Dec. 3rd; Warsop, 4 to 6, on Dec. 13th; and Rampton, 4 to 6, on Dec. 21st.

Mr. Sam Dopledge, now in his 60th year, has scored his first peal at Taxal, Cheshire, where he learnt to ring over 40 years ago.

Chester Diocesan Guild have something to talk about with their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the Guild. Nine of the participants have rung the extent of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and Mr. John Worth has called peals in the method accordingly. All are resident members.

In honour of the 65th birthday of Mr. Harry Brooks, a peal of Bob Royal was rung at Isleworth, in which eight of the company were members of the local band. Mr. Brooks has a 42 years' membership at this tower, and his daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Parr, rang the treble.

Chilvers Coton Sunday service ringers have now mastered Grandsire Caters with the first peal on the bells since the dedication of the trebles last May. Eight of company rang their first of Grandsire Caters.

A similar performance is recorded from Wisbech by the Sunday service band. With this peal Mr. F. Wigmore registered his 100th peal.

Last week we recorded the congratulations of the Preston Branch to the Wigan Branch on their first Surprise peal. Wigan can now reciprocate. Preston have scored their first of Yorkshire.

The 50 years' membership of the Bedfordshire Association of Mr. Douglas Harris, of Woburn, was commemorated by a peal of Cambridge on the bells of the village. The history of the Bedfordshire Association which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of January 3rd, 1947, was written by Mr. Harris.

We have now a second member on the Central Council for the Care of Churches. Since the report of the Council went to print the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow has been elected to represent Norwich Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Peal ringers had a very successful Christmas. To date we have received records of 37 peals on Boxing Day and 31 on the Saturday.

Notoriety has come to the College Youths through the medium of one of our national Sunday papers. At St. Paul's, London, they are credited with ringing 3,900 changes in half an hour on Christmas Eve! Five other mistakes appear in the report; it is possible that Mr. Richard Deal will be chaffed for his prowess. Why should so many mistakes be recorded for the benefit of an uninitiated public?

Ringer, chorister and sexton at Simpson, Bucks, for 55 years, Mr. H. Turner was complimented on his 70th birthday by 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Ringers: G. Guest 1, H. Giles 2, J. H. Brooks 3, F. Hanks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

An interesting 50 peals in 1947 has Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. They include the extent of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques on handbells and the extent of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus in the tower. It also includes two tower-bell peals in a day, two handbell peals in a day and a tower and handbell peal in a day.

Mr. Harold A. May rang fifty peals in 1947. His 50th of Stedman was scored on December 11th. Have any of our under 21-years-old ringers a half-century of Stedman to their credit?

Also to ring 50 peals in the year is Mr. Philip A. Corby.

Some very promising youngsters recently took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Fulham. They are the brothers Chilcott, Michael, aged 13, and John, aged 16. They have been trained by Mr. Horace Belcher. Also taking part were Gordon Allsop and John Stephenson, both aged 18, who have been trained by Mr. H. M. Page. They all rang their bells well and were complimented by Mr. H. Langdon on their performance. Nice work, boys. Keep it up!

Golden Wedding Congratulations

TO MR. AND MRS. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

The good wishes of their friends in all parts of the country will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolstencroft on January 12th, when they celebrate their golden wedding. They now live with their son-in-law and only daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hawkins, at Stoke Poges, Bucks.

It was in the early '90's that Mr. Wolstencroft took up ringing, and for over 50 years he was leader and conductor at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne.

For a number of years he was secretary to the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association and chairman of the Bowdon and Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft rang together in a peal to celebrate their silver wedding. Mrs. Wolstencroft took part in nine peals between the two Great Wars. At the 1918 Armistice she rang in the only complete band of lady ringers to ring on Armistice Day. She also rang on VJ-Day when she was aged 74. Unfortunately, illness now prevents her from taking an active part in ringing. She was chairman of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild until 1945, relinquishing the office owing to illness.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER WOLSTENCROFT.

Warsop's Bells

DEDICATION OF A NEW SIX.

Saturday, December 13th, 1947, was undoubtedly a red-letter day for many of the parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul's, Warsop, if the number of non-ringers at the dedication service was any criterion, for the church was packed to capacity before service time.

The old four were of mixed origin, the dates being 1615, 1737, 1747 and 1812. Three of these were recast by Taylor in 1913, and now the addition of two tenors by the same firm has put Warsop in possession of a first-class six with a tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

The fifth was the result of a bequest by the late Mr. F. Rolling, a one time sexton of Warsop, and the tenor was subscribed for by the parishioners as a war memorial to the fallen of the parish.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Southwell, who, although not actually a ringer, is greatly interested in ringing, and loses no opportunity in his position as Guild president to stress the importance of concerted assistance to outlying towers.

A few rounds were rung after the prayers under the tower, and at the conclusion of the service a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob by H. Kent 1, F. Flint 2, S. Slaney 3, C. Wright 4, T. Groombridge, jun. 5, and H. T. Rooke (conductor) 6, concluded the first part of the proceedings. Ringers of 1, 3 and 4 were from Bolsover, 5 from Nottingham, 2 and 6 of the local company.

Tea in the Parish Hall was the next item where some 60 parishioners and church workers were joined by the Bishop and about 40 ringers, with Mr. Paul Taylor representing the founders.

The Rector (the Rev. R. G. Cornwell) in a short speech mentioned the pride of Warsop people in their new bells and congratulated the founders on their product. Mr. Paul Taylor replied.—It was pleasing to note that the Rev. P. H. F. Sturdy, one of the curates, and Churchwarden Mr. F. Blackburn were among those who stood in for rounds during the evening.

On the following evening, December 14th, for evening service, a 720 Bob Minor was rung by five of the local band and a visitor, the first 720 by three of the band. To sum up, Warsop people are to be congratulated on acquiring a first-class ring of six, and certainly the local captain, Mr. H. J. Rooke, is to be commended for his efforts in keeping a company together and interested to this extent in an erstwhile four-bell tower, ready to reach out and embrace six-bell ringing. T.G.

BELLS FOR AMERICAN WEDDING

The bells of Wickhambreaux Church, Kent, were rung at 4.20 p.m. on December 27th to coincide with a wedding at Bridgewater, Mass.

The occasion was the marriage of Miss Peggy Laker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzroy Laker, of Bridgewater, Mass., formerly of Wickhambreaux, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Smith, of Grove Road, Wickhambreaux, to Mr. John M. Beattie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Milton Beattie, of South Street, Bridgewater Mass.

The bride's father was formerly a member of the Wickhambreaux company of change ringers. Mr. Harrison Smith, although now over 80 years old, took part in the wedding ring

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK LAWTON.

The death of Mr. Frank Lawton in hospital after a few weeks' illness is a grievous loss to the ringers of Moorside Church, Oldham. He was 64 and had been a ringer at Moorside for about 45 years.

Mr. Lawton had rung about 100 peals, one being the record for the bells of 10,000 odd Kent Treble Bob Major. He was the only ringer at Moorside who had his name on peal tablets for Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent and Stedman, rung between 1905-1939.

Full of enthusiasm, he started to learn Double Norwich with the rest of the band about two years ago, and later Cambridge. Mr. Lawton was a perfect ringer and striker and gave that steadying influence to the band. He was always present and punctual and attended the services he rang for, both morning and night. Up to his death he was a sidesman and also the Sunday School superintendent for many years. From this source he was instrumental in building the present band.

The funeral service was on December 29th close to the church and bells he loved. Four of his fellow-ringers acted as pall bearers, and as the cortege approached the muffled bells were rung full pull and stand. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave: I. Kay 1-2, H. Barlow 3-4, V. Sykes 5-6, F. Dunkerley 7-8. Immediately after the funeral a fully muffled peal of Double Norwich was accomplished in three hours. I.K.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Twickenham on December 20th, and was attended by about 40 members and friends from Bedford (St. Paul's), Bushey Heath, Chislehurst, Clewer, Ealing (St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Guildford, Hempstead, Gloucester, Hersham, Heston, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kew Gardens, Leicester Cathedral, Osterley, Richmond, Romford, Ruislip, Streatham (St. Leonard's), and Twickenham.

The bells were raised about 3 p.m. and were kept going at intervals till about 8.30 p.m. Methods rung under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Finch (Ringing Master) included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich and Cambridge and London Surprise Major—with rounds for learners.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar and president of the Association (Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, M.A.), assisted by the Rev. H. J. Cooke. Tea in the Church Hall was kindly provided by the president and local company, and this was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the president.

The following elections were made: Mr. R. J. Carlton, SS. Mark and John's College, Chelsea (confirmation); Mr. C. A. Portsmouth, Harlington, Mr. W. J. Ellis, Streatham (re-election); and the following members of the local company: The Rev. H. J. Cooke, Messrs. B. Lillyman and D. Lovell and Mrs. J. Turner (late Miss J. Stapleton), re-elected. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting on January 17th, if possible at Feltham, alternatively at Ruislip, and the annual branch meeting at Heston on February 21st.

The Ringing Master proposed a warm vote of thanks to the president for all his kindness and to the local company, especially Mr. and Mrs. Lovell for providing the tea, and to the organist. Those present were also glad to have an opportunity of ringing with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole (Leicester), who paid a flying visit, and Miss Betty Snice (Bedford); also to welcome back Mr. J. Herbert after his illness, though not yet able to ring; to meet Mr. H. J. Eldred, of Gorleston, who has come to reside in the district, and to welcome the return to Twickenham of the local captain, Mr. E. A. Morris, after service with the Forces. The Ringing Master also referred to his friend and 'legal adviser,' Mr. Frank Smallwood, who had a few words to say, in his usual racy manner, and was listened to with appreciation.

Christmas Quiz

'Kewsett's' answers to the Christmas Quiz are as follows:—

(1) Chichester; St. David's.
(2) Grandsire Doubles. Call bob at 2.
(3) None.
(4) 36 bells.
(5) Manchester Town Hall.
(6) Beaumaris, Anglesey.
(7) It did not. There are eight bells at Westminster Abbey, and so the peal must have been rung on handbells, as no method below Caters admits of a peal of 5,001.
(8) Noel only.
(9) 279,999,720.
(10) In order starting from treble: William, Henry, Mary, Sue, Walter, Eric, John, Bertram.

No competitor answered all the questions correctly. Those adjudicated nearest to whom book prizes have been sent are:—

E. E. Speake,
56, Ranelagh Road,
Blakenhall,
Wolverhampton.

Walter W. Wolstencroft,
1, Cherry Orchard Close,
Stoke Poges,
Near Slough, Bucks.

Harold V. Frost,
43, Leyland Avenue,
St. Albans, Herts.

THE CROSSWORD.

The solution to the Crossword is as follows: ACROSS: Beccles, words, lures, ring out, stirred, oasis, baffle, ask why, inked, audited, talkers, rooms, lasts, dreaded. DOWN: Bells, Cardiff, Bristol, kills, loser, ladders, stride, passed, windows, dirge, roots, Watford, satisfy, dosed.

The first correct solution was received from

John H. Hunt,
44, Bellfield,
Titchfield, Hants.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting was held on November 29th at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Ringing commenced with 120 Grandsire Doubles to greet a wedding couple just leaving the church. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Carter.

At the meeting Mr. Collins mentioned the death of Mr. C. Pothecary, and the members stood in silence. Nominations were received for district officers as follows: Master, F. Collins; secretary, R. Lathbury; treasurer, H. N. Pitstow; auditor, C. Dean; committee, Messrs. R. Davies, W. Massey, D. Parsons.

Some excellent ringing, in which a few local ringers participated, continued till 8.30 p.m.

GOLDEN WEDDING PEALS

Peals in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville are recorded in this issue. That at Guildford, where their silver wedding peal was rung, was also for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Randall, of Eastleigh, grandparents of Mr. H. A. May. There was also a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Southampton and the following quarters:—

WONSTON.—On Dec. 11th, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Mrs. W. R. Melville 1, Miss N. Smith 2, L. Tremeer 3, W. R. Melville 4, R. Smith 5, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Michael's on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Butler (first of Stedman) 1, J. Hope 2, C. H. Kippin 3, Mrs. C. H. Kippin 4, J. Faithfull 5, W. R. Melville 6, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. Shearing 8.

Mr. E. Morris scored another success at Overseal on Tuesday, December 2nd, when he conducted A. J. Corrigan's (Bristol) six-part of Grandsire Triples. This composition is now rung for the first time. It is 27 years since the 2nd ringer (H. Carter) rang his last peal.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Longland 1, G. Care 2, S. Ruddlesden 3, N. Chaddock 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 4.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Dec. 21st, 1,316 St. Clement's Bob Triples: J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, T. H. J. Prince 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S Nichols (composer and cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. R. Miles 8. First in method by all the band.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Richardson 1, E. Wickham 2, W. Sargent 3, H. Fountain 4, E. Fisher (cond.) 5, J. Filer 6, E. D. Binning 7, A. Hill 8. 7.6.8 behind.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. E. Chapman 1, W. Kilby 2, B. Hubbard 3, J. Morris 4, N. Moyes (first as cond.) 5, W. Wilson 6. First quarter in the method by the band.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX. — At St. Mary's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Allen 1, A. Hume 2, H. Devenish (cond.) 3, Miss A. White 4, R. C. Thrift 5, E. Runter 6, E. Clark 7, H. Bradley 8. First quarter-peal on the bells with the 13th bell included.

DERBY.—On Dec. 11th, 1,248 Bob Major: A. E. Thompson 1, F. R. Lowe 2, C. Walklate 3, George Freebrey (cond.) 4, S. Walklate 5, H. Letts 6, H. K. Waterfield 7, B. Dudley 8. First quarter by 1, 3 and 7.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,280 Bob Major: C. Rigby 1, Miss M. E. Ridyard 2, H. Leyland 3, W. Rimmer 4, N. Rigby 5, T. Marshall 6, R. Kenrick 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. In memoriam Luke Pye, a member of the local band.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Doel 1, R. Higgins 2, J. Chilcott 3, J. Hannam 4, P. Sparks (cond.) 5, K. Humphries 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, E. E. Retter 2, Miss E. Lomas 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, W. D. Ashdown 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. First in the method by all.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On Dec. 14th, quarter-peal Stedman Caters: W. Gayes 1, A. Challinor 2, A. Potts 3, June Henshaw (first quarter) 4, S. Hough 5, A. V. Rees 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, G. Farrer 8, E. Seed 9, H. Wood 10.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Miss M. Hilliar 2, C. R. Harding 3, V. E. Wills 4, R. G. Bryant 5, S. Riches 6, J. W. Smith (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, A. Hilliar 8.

MOSSLEY, LANCS. — On Dec. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Taylor 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, F. Welham 5, R. Walker 6, J. Clayton 7, J. Burgess 8.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On Nov. 20th, for the Royal Wedding, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: N. Rowley (first half-peal) 1, H. Claridge 2, G. Cooper 3, P. G. Golder 4, J. Gregory (cond.) 5, W. Rowley 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal on Dec. 7th: W. S. May 1, D. Coombes 2, G. Frost 3, S. Croucher 4, W. Perry 5, E. Rapley 6, F. C. May 7, P. Sadler 8, F. B. Lufkin 9, F. Gant (cond.) 10. Longest length 2, 4 and 8.

SPALDING, LINCS. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Bennett 1, S. E. Bennett 2, R. Smith 3, C. Wander 4, G. W. Mills 5, W. Hollingworth 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, Miss D. Lawson 8.

STURRY, KENT. — On Dec. 6th, 3,600 of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: H. R. French 1, Miss B. Phillpott 2, C. E. Buesden 3, T. G. Holmes (longest length) 4, G. R. French 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: W. Devoil 1, J. Suckling 2, C. Ladley 3, L. Ladley 4, Dr. D. Hollis (cond.) 5, A. Carter 6. First quarter for 3 and 6.

NOTICES

GOLDEN WEDDING

WOLSTENCROFT—HALL. — On Jan. 12th, 1898, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, Ada Hall to Walter Wallace Wolstencroft. Present address 1, Cherry Orchard Close, Stoke Poges, Bucks. 2886

DEATH

CHAPMAN.—On Dec. 25th, 1947, at 1, Broadway, Kettering, James Edward, loved husband of Elizabeth Chapman, aged 72 years.

MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

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

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

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — Annual meeting will be held at Marsham on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Reading Room at 2s. per head. 2838

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting at Bocking, Jan. 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. A. Pratt, District Secretary. 2846

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.— Annual meeting, Brentwood (8), Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. —J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 2845

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Jan. 10th. Bells 2. Service 5. Meeting 6. Dinner 7 (dinner for ticketholders only). —T. H. Foster. 2911

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 2844

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 10th, St. Stephen's (8), Rochester Row, Westminster, 2.30 to 4.30. St. Margaret's (10), 5.45 to 7.15. Business, St. Stephen's Vestry, 7.45.—H. W. Rogers, Sec. 2879

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Uckfield (8), Jan. 10th, 3. Tea 5. Will members of committee attend if possible?—C. A. Bassett. 2850

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 10th, Frome. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. 2848

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.— Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12), Jan. 10th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. —C. W. Lawton, Hon. Sec. 2869

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.— Annual, Terrington St. John (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2913

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill (6), Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, 5, to J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 2912

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Gainsborough, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who send their names to me by previous Tuesday.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2910

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next General Meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The new ring of 12 bells, tenor 35 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in Chapter House 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Cathedral schools. Applications for tickets by 14th to J. H. Kirby, 99, York Street, Wakefield. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Secretary, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2839

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham Dist.— Annual, St. Mary's (10), Nottingham, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., Milton Cafe. Names to Mr. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. All welcome. 2849

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent, not later than Jan. 13th. Ringing at Rochester Cathedral after the meeting. — B. W. May, Hon. District Secretary. 2851

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names to T. G. Myers by Jan. 12th. 2790

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting. Chertsey, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by 14th latest.— F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. District Sec. 2858

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at Mistley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea must be sent to me not later than Jan. 12th.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 2860

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2863

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, January 17th. St. Michael's (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Nell Gwyn Tea Rooms (near church) 4.30 p.m. Business meeting following. Cathedral (12) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2907

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 17th. Usual arrangements. Names by Jan. 10th.—J. H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 2866

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 4.30 p.m. —Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 2871

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bedworth, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Tea provided. — Notify C. E. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton. 2908

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2873

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Central Cafe. Please notify me by Jan. 14th.—W. T. Poston, Vieulands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 2882

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, All Saints' (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. W. Lack, Acting Secretary. 2884

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting, Syston, Jan. 17th. Bells 3.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5. Names, please, to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, by Jan. 13th. 2891

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Jan. 14th.—M. W. Malpass, Stone, Falfield, Glos. 2890

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Crewe (10 bells), annual meeting, Jan. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Refreshments. Names by 13th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 2889

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Rogate (6), Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea (names by Jan. 14th).—E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 2887

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting, All Saints', Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, including election of officers for 1948. Names for tea not later than Jan. 13th to G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 2893

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Sandiacre, Jan. 17th, 2.30. Tea provided. Names to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Jan. 14th. Subs. for 1948 now due. 2894

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual district meeting at Luton (8), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 4.30. Own tea arrangements. — H. C. Hillyard. 2895

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual, Wells, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Cathedral bells (10) 2 to 4, St. Cuthbert's 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting, Wickendens, after. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 13th.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 2899

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Next meeting, Brentford (6), Jan. 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. (Collection for Bishop's Fund). Tea and meeting Church Hall after. Names to undersigned by Jan. 15th.— J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320. 2906

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OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Rooms. No ringing at St. Paul's. All Saints (8) after meeting. Notify for tea by Jan. 14th.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 2877

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service, 4.15 p.m., St. Andrew-the-Great. Tea and business, 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Vestry. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Benet's (6), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Mary-the-Great (12), 6.30 p.m. onwards.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2900

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst (8), Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, 13th.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 2902

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual, Kettering (10), Jan. 17th, 2.45. Names for tea.—G. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Kettering. 2905

ST. MICHAEL'S, ALDERSHOT.—New Year's party in aid of Bells Restoration Fund, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tickets (2s.) from Miss E. Stewart, 30, Church Hill, Aldershot. Donations also gratefully received. 2898

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea must reach Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 2909

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Bilston, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells at 3 p.m.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 2901

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting 4. Service 5. Tea provided for those who let me know by Tuesday morning, Jan. 20th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please notify for tea by Jan. 20th.—H. C. Linton, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 2892

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Littleham, Exmouth, Jan. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 2885

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Annual meeting, Sutton-on-Trent (8), Jan. 24th, 2.30. Tea for those who notify Miss Burchnall, Station Road, Sutton-on-Trent, by 20th.—J. W. Raithby, District Secretary. 2887

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Irthlingborough (8) on Jan. 24th. Service 4. Names for tea early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2880

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting at Harlow Town (8), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 21st, please, to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 2896

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. St. Peter's bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 17th. Subscriptions due 1948. Names for tea by Jan. 24th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2883

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—Ringing has recommenced at St. George's, Southwark. Fridays, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, S.W.12. 2865

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all conductors who have called peals for the Yorkshire Association during the past year please send in their reports to me without delay unless they have already done so?—W. Barton (Peal Sec.), 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, near Leeds.

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TESTING FOR PLAIN BOB LEAD ENDS

IF one is given a method by its places, it is only necessary to write out half a lead of it in order to discover whether it will yield a Plain Bob lead end. Take Cambridge Royal as an example. If 20 changes of this method are written out, counting rounds as the first, the change 7480529631 is produced. The next change will be made by the treble making 10ths place and the 3rd making 9ths place. The other eight bells will cross in pairs.

The second half-lead will contain the same places in reverse order. Provided this is so, the four pairs of bells crossing at the lead centre enable us to determine whether a Plain Bob lead end will result. Write out the figures 246809753 in a circle in that order. They are in the natural coursing order of Plain Bob Royal. They should be fairly evenly spaced out. Join the pairs of bells by lines in the circle which cross over on the centre line of the lead, leaving the place making bell or 'pivot bell' (the 3 in this case) unmarked. The result is four parallel lines. Whether or not four parallel lines result is a test in all Royal methods, plain or treble bob, as to whether or not a Plain Bob lead end will result.

This simple test works on all numbers of bells. It is not claimed as original. In Minor methods the circle is of five figures 24653, and the test must give two parallel lines.

In all cases, if the test is successful, there is the choice of place making when the treble leads—either 2nds place or 'last place' (10ths in Royal). But there are three snags. First, the place chosen may interfere with the method places (e.g., London Surprise Major cannot be varied as an 8ths place method). Secondly, one of the two may give rounds in one lead. Thirdly, as 9 is not a prime number, Royal methods may give a 3-lead course only.

The test may be adapted so as to examine large numbers of methods. No figures are written. The half lead is built up by strips of card, one between each pair of changes, with only the paths of the bells on them. Thus any desired half lead can be formed by its places. The course-circle tester is at the top, the figures joined by lines to where 'rounds' would be at the head of the half lead. Counters run up the lines to the course circle soon test for plain bob lead ends.

The technique also works with methods and principles on odd numbers of bells. As an example, here is a Caters principle produced. The changes underlined are changes in the plain hunt on nine bells and so preserve the natural coursing-order. The sections in between them are symmetrical and will be found to obey the general test for natural coursing order. Four pairs cross over on their centre lines, giving four parallel lines on the coursing circle 124689753.

123456789
214365798
241637589
426173859
241678395
426187935
462819753
648291735
468927153
649872513
694785231
967482513
976845231
798654321
978563412
Repeat 8 times

'KEWSETT.'

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 17, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	MISS MARIE I. GOODSHIP	6
*MISS SYLVIA COKER ...	2	CECIL A. SMITH	7
*MISS DOREEN COKER...	3	ROLAND BIGGS	8
RALPH COLES	4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	9
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	5	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* First peal in the method and on ten bells.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS...	6
*LESLIE EVANS	2	†JOHN BOURNE	7
*MICHAEL P. MORETON...	3	JOHN J. WEBB	8
†JOHN D. ROCK	4	WILFRID F. MORETON...	9
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ...	5	JOHN HUMPHRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ROYDON DAVIES	*Treble*	†DAVID E. PARSONS ...	6
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES	7
*MISS JILL BRITTAIN ...	3	JAMES G. PRIOR	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	9
ERIC B. HARTLEY	5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First ten-bell peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID H. PEARCE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	5
THOMAS J. FOWLER ...	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
†JOHN B. FORD	3	WILLLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE	7
ERNEST E. GOSLING ...	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES W. LOOME ...	*Treble*	THOMAS SIMMONS	5
*CECIL A. THOMPSON ...	2	GEORGE GOWEN	6
AUSTIN HEAD	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
GEORGE W. HOWLETT...	4	WILLIAM J. FLUTT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. W. LOOME.
* First peal in the method.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES ...	*Treble*	GEORGE R. HANKS ...	5
REGINALD POSTON ...	2	†REGINALD I. BREWER ...	6
*ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN...	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ...	4	JOHN J. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. 200th peal as conductor.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF HEREWARD BOB 5040 CHANGES;
59 courses. Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in B.

*CHAS. H. MOORE ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	5
*N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	2	*F. CHARLES GOODMAN...	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	*GEORGE BAILEY	7
*ARTHUR G. BASON ...	4	*GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in method on bells.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM POTTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM PERKINS ...	5
ARNOLD MOORE	2	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ...	6
†J. G. BURTON	3	ARTHUR W. HALL... ...	7
EDWARD STEELE	4	‡HARRY GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. CARTLIDGE.
* First peal on eight. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
C. Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES CLEGG	*Treble*	JAMES GROUNDS	5
JOHN LUNHAM	2	*ERNEST J. GOWER ...	6
RONALD KENRICK	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
ARTHUR MAUDESLY ...	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First Surprise peal. 100th peal as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS J. LOCK	*Treble*	ALBERT DISERENS	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
GEORGE M. KILBY... ...	3	MAURICE HODGSON ...	7
*NOEL J. DISERENS ...	4	ALICK CUTLER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First Surprise peal on an 'inside' bell. Tenor 10 cwt.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 17, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WALTER ALLWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	5
TOM BROTHWELL	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
The conductor's 100th peal and first of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF WILLESDEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C. EDWARD LANKESTER...	*Treble*	*THOMAS J. LOCK	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	MAURICE HODGSON ...	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* 150th peal. The first peal in this method. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ...	5
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	2	JOHN W. TAYLOR	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	3	WILLIAM A. STOTE	7
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ...	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
*WILLIAM ROGERS	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF HETHERSETT IMPERIAL COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

ERNEST G. SHORTING	*Treble*	*RUSSELL W. CURSON ...	5
CHARLES H. MOORE ...	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM CLOVER ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 100th peal for the Association. Presumably the first peal in the method.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
*MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*VICTOR SAVAGE ...	*Treble*	HENRY J. SANGER	5
FREDERICK TARGETT ...	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	6
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	4	RONALD G. BECK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal of Major.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	5
PATRICIA HOLMES ...	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6
*MARY R. JAYCOCK (13)	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
JEAN M. BROOMFIELD...	4	*GWEN E. MURKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
ALBERT WALKER	3	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	KENNETH S. B. CROFT	5
MADELINE M. LYON ...	2	*RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ...	3	WALTER TOMLINSON ...	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	4	JOHN FREEMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by K. S. B. CROFT.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on tower bells, and of Surprise, as conductor.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

ALBERT E. LAKER	*Treble*	CECIL H. LONGHURST ...	5
MISS FRANCES EDGAR...	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED...	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
*ERIC H. KNAPP	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	THOMAS COLLINS	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6
F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	3	CECIL C. MAYNE	7
SQUIRE CROFT	4	FRANK MILLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal as conductor on tower bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR RIGBY ...	*Treble*	*JOHN H. GARTSIDE ...	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	3	LAURENCE WILLIAMS ...	7
JOHN BOOTH	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (34). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells. In memoriam William Sharples, of Brindle, who died on Friday, December 19th.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY BAILEY ...	*Treble*	*JOHN A. DOWNING ...	5
ALBERT A. EASTON ...	2	*JOHN E. PENNELLS ...	6
SYDNEY C. DRIVER ...	3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ...	7
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4	*SIDNEY G. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MARGARET BEAMISH	*Treble*	JAMES F. CLARKE	5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ...	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	6
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	FRANK TROTMAN	7
JOHN THOMPSON	4	LEONARD TREVOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
First peal in the method as conductor.

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HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor 22 cwt.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
CECIL E. CARR	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	EDGAR VALLANCE	7
*EDWARD SOWMAN	4	†FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. A birthday peal for G. S. Morris and the conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	GEORGE OLLIVER	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	ALFRED J. BULL	6
*JAMES W. KNIGHT	3	CECIL NICE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

*ROGER SAVORY	*Treble*	ROBERT A. GEDEN	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	ARCHIBALD REED	6
ARTHUR G. TAYLOR	3	FRANK SADLER	7
JOHN HALL	4	EDGAR MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal away from tenor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*FRANCIS LAFLIN	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
*ALAN A. POTTS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	ALBERT WALKER	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
ARTHUR D. COOK	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 24, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,792 London, 1,536 Cambridge, 1,216 Bristol, 576 Rutland, with 128 changes of method. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A flat.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*HERBERT BADDER	5
JAMES HIGGINS	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
ALAN R. PINK	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS	*Treble*	SIDNEY COX	5
J. LESLIE WILLARS	2	ARTHUR PATRICK	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
CHARLES MARSHALL	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising seven extents: (1) Single Court and Double Court; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Double Oxford; (6) St. Clement's; (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY	*Treble*	†WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	4
*EDWARD BARKER	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal in nine methods. † 100th peal for the Ely Association.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob and 22 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 5 cwt.

TERENCE A. GOODEY	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. GODDARD	3
DESMOND G. MAYELL	2	EARLE J. BAXTER	4
HERBERT G. GODDARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by EARLE J. BAXTER.

First peal as conductor.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES BOWERS	*Treble*	ARCHIE G. FITCH	4
JAMES H. EDWARDS	2	LESLIE MILLS	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	*GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

SANDIACRE, NOTTS.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPPARD	*Treble*	W. THORNLEY, JUN.	4
DENNIS CARLISLE	2	PHILIP L. PARROTT	5
GIRLING RIGBY	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 18, 1947, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

CALEB SIMONDS	*Treble*	HENRY SQUIRES	4
ARTHUR MACKEARS	2	JOHN CRAGG	5
SIDNEY WHALEY	3	LESLIE SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	*Treble*	*WILFRED W. RING	4
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	†CHARLES F. SAYER	4
*DONALD C. PRICE	2	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
*REGINALD W. DARVILL	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Harry Commins ...	...*Treble*	Douglas Bellamy	4
Raymond Winter	2	Frank Branchflower...	5
Claude W. J. Tarr ...	3	William Commins	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Claude W. J. Tarr.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Two 240's and thirty-eight 120's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Andrew J. Corrigan...	*Treble*	†C. S. Townend	4
*Thomas W. Harris ...	2	F. Cecil Mogford ...	5
*Mary P. Hilliar ...	3	†Geoffrey R. Down	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew J. Corrigan.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 2,160 Oxford Treble Bob and 1,440 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

Stanley Gilbert ...	...*Treble*	Frank W. Lack	4
Frank Warrington ...	2	Peter Border	5
Reginald Houghton ...	3	Herbert Fields ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

William Perry ...	...*Treble*	Frank C. May	4
Roderick W. Croucher	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
William S. May	3	Gerald Frost ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
In memoriam Fred Chalk.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

Fredrick Hooper	...*Treble*	*Arthur E. Chilton ...	4
*Peter N. White	2	R. Thomas Vessey ...	5
James W. Raithby ...	3	*Percy Holmes ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Percy Holmes.
* First peal in the method. To welcome a son to the conductor.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*Beryl J. Strange	...*Treble*	*Margaret W. Hedges	4
W. Bertram Kynaston	2	Ralph Shailes	5
Mercia Booker	3	H. William Dash	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Thomas A. Hastings	...*Treble*	Harold Folwell	4
Albert E. Bristow ...	2	Ian A. Morrison	5
Douglas E. Ellender...	3	William A. Stote	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Stote.
First peal of Plain Bob on the bells.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

William H. Symonds	...*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton ...	4
Charles L. Sadler ...	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	5
John D. Rock	3	Leslie Evans ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Evans.
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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. R. G. Twinn, the popular treasurer of the St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, was married on January 3rd to Miss M. J. Martin. He has been a member of the company for 20 years. A peal attempt failed, but 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung after the wedding by W. S. Childs 1, F. Blondell 2, A. A. Diaper 3, F. Corke 4, A. Harding 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 7, H. W. Impey 8.

Bristol University Association hope to score their first all-resident peal this term.

Mr. Frank Warrington has rung 260 peals for the Ely Diocesan Association, of which he has conducted 191.

Mr. Alfred Bond has completed a quarter of a century as captain of Barrington tower, Somerset. He rang his first peal 'inside' in honour of the occasion on December 21st.

The peal of Minor at Kingstone, Herefordshire, on December 23rd, was the 25th peal together of Michael P. Moreton and Wilfrid F. Moreton, and also of Wilfrid Moreton and Leslie Evans. The occasion was the 150th peal of Charles L. Sadler.

From Chilvers Coton comes news of John E. S. Moreton on ringing his 50th peal. The peal was first of Cambridge Minor in the tower, by the local band and by the conductor, and was rung on the front six.

The twins—the Misses Sylvia and Doreen Coker—rang their first peal on ten bells together at High Wycombe.

The golden wedding of Mr. W. D. Sparrow, a member of the Badsey, Worcs., band, was celebrated by a peal on the village bells on December 20th.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert is believed to be the first to circle the tower at Barnet Parish Church. The first peal he rang on the bells was in 1904. The task was completed when he rang the 3rd on December 20th, 1947.

While the Combined Universities were ringing at Southwark Cathedral, thieves broke into the cellars of a wine and spirit merchant in the vicinity. Said the night watchman: 'The Cathedral bells were making such a din that I heard no noise of the thieves breaking off the padlock to get into the warehouse.'

Mr. Frederick G. Huckstepp has 'circled' the tower at Eastwell, Kent.

Mr. Charles H. Kippin has passed another milestone. He rang his 400th peal at Ropley, Hants, on December 20th.

If it is not too late, special New Year's greetings to the three young ladies who cycled five miles each way to enable Kingston (Surrey) bells to ring out the old and ring in the new year.

Sparks have been flying at Maperton, Somerset. On Sunday, December 21st, the ringing was a family affair. Peter Sparks (aged 8) 1, H. P. Sparks (father) 2 and 3, Miss P. Sparks 4, I. Sparks (brother) 5, F. G. Sparks (uncle) 6.

The young band at St. John's, Bournemouth, have been going in for non-conducted. On December 21st they rang 504 Grandsire Triples—M. Besy 1, J. Daniels 2, Miss B. Adlam 3, G. Evenden 4, A. Rose 5, A. Butler 6, H. Mitchell 7, A. Routh 8.

The handbell peal at Hinckley was a great event, inasmuch that 33 years have elapsed since Edgar Vallance made an attempt for a peal in hand. This previous peal, which was also Kent Major, was the first of Treble Bob Major 'in hand' to be rung in Leicestershire.

George Wightman, who conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells at Cretingham, Suffolk, on December 19th, is now in his 82nd year. He is still actively engaged, with his brother William, in his business of a shoemaker. He called his first peal 61 years ago.

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COMBINED UNIVERSITIES' RE-UNION

CHESTER WEEK BEING PLANNED.

Some 50 members of the Combined Universities Association participated in the fourth annual reunion festival in London on Jan. 7th.

Ringing facilities started at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and included St. John's, Deptford, St. Giles', Camberwell, and Southwark Cathedral. The Association attended Evensong at Southwark Cathedral, at which the address was given by the Vice-Provost, Canon F. S. L. Fitz-George. The lessons were read by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, vice-president of the Association. Mr. C. John Dickinson, of the Oxford University Society, was at the organ.

The annual dinner was at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, being in the chair, supported by Canon Fitz-George, the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. A. Hughes, Miss Marie Cross and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. Seven universities — Oxford, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Reading, Birmingham and Sheffield— were represented.

After the toast of 'The Church and the King' had been proposed from the chair, Mr. E. H. Lewis said two years ago he had some rather rude things to say about the striking of the Association, and last year he tried to encourage them to buy some copies of 'Hints for Beginners'—the Central Council publication. Unfortunately, he was not able to hear much of the ringing that day, but what he did hear was immeasurably better. 'I did not hear such good firing as at St. Gabriel's last year' (laughter).

DUFFIELD FOR SERVICE RINGING.

He understood tiat a plain course of Duffield was rung. For service ringing he did not think there was anything better than Duffield, and it was a pity it was not rung more. For a peal it was poor.

Dr. Hatcher proposed the toast of 'The Universities Association,' which, he said, took the form of a short report on the year. They all regretted the absence of Dr. John Spice and hoped that it would not be long before he was able to attend a University Association gathering.

Since the annual meeting last year they had not met officially until that day. He hoped too many people were not blaming the poor secretary — they had a chance to meet at Chester in the summer, but that effort 'came to noat.' They hoped, however, to go to Chester in 1948.

Despite their official inactivity, the University Associations had not been standing still. London had rung several peals and it gave him great pleasure to announce that Bristol had scored their first at Wincanton, his native town. They hoped that Reading would be the next to score their first, as they were getting an active group together. As to the Association, the number of peals rung had been poor, chiefly because they did not hold their ringing week. He thanked all members for their support.

Lt.-Comdr. Gordon Cross proposed the toast of 'Kindred Societies, the Visitors and "The Ringing World."' In connection with the Ancient Society, he mentioned the pleasure it gave them that Mr. A. A. Hughes had been able to attend all their dinners. The Cumberlands were represented by Mr. George Cross, who always went out of his way to help young ringers. He also welcomed Mr. Philip Corby, Mr. Jones and Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. White, in his reply, mentioned the popularity of peal ringing to-day, the number of peals in the last quarter reaching as high a figure as ever recorded in the Exercise since the start of 'The Ringing World.'

'DICTATORIAL CONDUCTRESS.'

With grace and wit the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow proposed 'The Ladies.' In coupling the name of Miss Betty Spice with the toast, he said after having been pat in their places all day by their dictatorial conductress, it was nice to think that little girls were made of sugar and spice.

Miss Spice said it must be admitted that the ladies of the Society had played quite a notable part, and she thought it could be said that were it not for the ladies the Universities Association would have been in a poor state. During the war it was left to the women to carry on at Oxford, and during the last two years the ladies had largely carried the day. Now that the men were coming back to their own, Oxford would begin to degenerate into the state Oxford had always been without the ladies.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting followed. The accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £10 0s. 2d., were adopted. The meeting confirmed the election of the following new members: Oxford, Messrs. P. V. Baker, R. Meadows, G. Moorhouse, the Misses J. Brierley, D. Castell, M. Craster, A. Dickinson, R. Dodd, R. How, J. M. Livingstone, C. Morton, S. Rymer, C. M. Trist; Cambridge, J. B. Rowsell, the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. I. Williams; London, J. T. Dyke, D. Martin, G. R. Smerdon; Reading, R. Cropley, R. J. Garner, Miss P. Smee; Sheffield, G. C. Briggs, P. Taylor.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. E. H. Lewis; vice-president, the Rev. C. Elliott Wigg; hon. secretary and treasurer, Dr. Hatcher; Central Council representative, Miss Marie Cross.

A discussion followed on the question of a ringing week. The secretary explained the difficulties of the week planned for Chester in 1947, which had to be abandoned owing to inability to find accommodation. For 1948 he had been in communication with the principal of the Chester Training College and he had been offered accommodation up to 100. He was aiming at an attendance of 40.

Miss Spice declared that 40 was too large for a successful tour. The optimum should not be more than 20. In subsequent discussion she compromised to 25.

The secretary was instructed to ascertain whether the principal of the Training College would be prepared to accept an attendance of 25. Members hoping to attend the week are asked to communicate with the hon. secretary as soon as possible.

Regarding the peal at Canterbury Cathedral in 1946, the secretary announced that the authorities had sanctioned the erection of a peal board.

RAMPTON'S BELLS

The Bishop of Southwell dedicated on Dec. 21st the ring of six at Rampton, Notts. The tenor of the old four has been recast and the other three retuned. A new treble has been given by an old ringer and a second subscribed for by the parish in memory of the men who served in the war, to be called 'In Grateful Memory Bell.'

After the dedication the Bishop unveiled the war memorial to the seven men who had lost their lives. Seven blows were rung on the two new bells, and after a pause rounds were rung. A mixed band rang 240 Plain Bob after the service, and in the afternoon ringing included Cambridge, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent and Grandsire Doubles.

The bells are a useful addition to the North Notts District and are the work of the Loughborough Foundry. The cost, £830, has been raised during three years.

In honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Herbert Gates, of the St. Mary's, Apsley, band, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on January 6th by A. V. Good (cond.) 1. P. Holness 2, T. Morton 3, F. Tompkins 4, E. Upton 5, W. Puddifoot 6. It was the longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

Another Eight for Devon

BISHOP PRAISES A 'THRILLER.'

The Bishop of Plymouth dedicated two new bells and rededicated the rehung peal of six at Buckland Monachorum at a special morning service on Sunday, December 21st.

Mystery stories are popular with the Bishop, and, telling the large congregation that he knew very little about bellringing, he said what he did know was the result of reading Dorothy Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.' 'If you do not know it, I recommend it very strongly,' he said, and added that if the discovery of the murderer had depended on his reading of the bellringing changes he would still have been at large.

The Bishop explained that the two new bells which had been added to the peal had been given by Mr. C. P. Brown in memory of his wife, and the tenor bell recast in memory of Major Bundock's brother. He congratulated the parish on having raised for the balance about £1,050 and a gift of £370 to the Diocesan Fund.

In view of present-day austerities, he said, the Chancellor had to consider whether he could give the faculty for the restoration or giving of bells, and it was strongly pressed in some quarters that bells were a luxury, not a necessity. Personally, he had maintained that bells were more than a necessity, they were an opportunity. One thousand pounds, he contended, was not too much to pay for an invitation to the House of God.

The Tavistock ringers, under their captain, Mr. M. Deacon, had the privilege of ringing the dedication rounds. During the afternoon bands of ringers from Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel), Plympton St. Maurice, Tamerton Foliot, Whitchurch, Eggbuckland, Meavy, etc., were given a short ring, each in turn, and while most of the ringing done was rounds and call changes, the Plymouth St. Andrew's band rang the first touch of 'scientific' on the bells — a well-struck 168 Grandsire Triples.

Everyone present expressed great satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells, and Mr. (Bert) Newson, the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bellfounders, was also told to congratulate his firm on effecting such fine blending of old and new bells.

The weights and inscriptions are as follows:

Treble.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1947. 6 cwt. 2 lb.

2.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1947. 6 cwt. 17 lb.

3.—Sir Francis Henry Drake, Baronet, 1723. 7 cwt. 9 lb.

4.—Iohn Creed: Vic. D.D. C.P. I.P. 1723. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

5.—Iohn Doidge: Gent. C.P. I.P. De Lezant, 1723. I. P. Tavistock Fecit. 7 cwt. 3 qr.

6.—L. Crymes, C.P. I.P. 1723. 9 cwt.

7.—Sr Francis Henry Drake: Bart: and Elisevs Crymes Esq: Ch. Wardens. C.P. I.P. 1723. 12 cwt. 20 lb.

Tenor.—Sr Francis Henry Drake, Baron, and Elisevs Crymes, Esq., Wardens, 1723. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1947. 15 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES FIRST PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have just bought a copy of the Central Council Collection of Triples Methods, and I notice that the first peal of Oxford Bob Triples is claimed for St. Mary's, Horsham, on February 7th, 1882, conducted by H. Burstow.

There is, however, in St. George's, Benenden, Kent, a peal board inscribed:—

March 7th, 1821. A true and complete peal of 5,040 Oxford Bob Triples, the first ever Rang on this system, was this Day performed in 3 hours and 8 minutes by the resident band. 1 George Southon, 2 Edward Wenman, 3 William Lansdell, 4 Robert Chasmer, 5 George Manwaring, 6 John Hatcher, conductor, 7 George Gibbs, 8 John Wenman.—Yours sincerely.

M. S. CLOKE.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

A Cornish Report

The last two months of 1947 have seen three restorations completed. On Nov. 15th, the two new trebles and retuned six were dedicated at Towednack by the Chancellor of Truro Cathedral, Canon R. H. W. Roberts. The whole cost of the work was defrayed by Mr. Hugh Dunstan, who is treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and who has been churchwarden for more than fifty years. The new trebles are memorials to his parents. This is Cornwall's fortieth octave and has come to the neighbouring parish of Carbis Bay, where the first post-war octave was installed just a year before. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston carried out the work, and the result is a very pleasing light eight with tenor of 7¾ cwt. Mr. D. Bradford represented the bellfounders at the dedication.

On November 29th, Canon Roberts also rededicated the rehung six bells at St. Breward, near Bodmin. This six had been unringable for some 18 years, and it was the enthusiasm of the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. L. Jennings, which got the work done. There was a large gathering at the opening, and this tower is situated in the centre of the prize-ringing area, but the Vicar's courage has banned competitions on his bells. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank carried out this restoration with their usual efficiency.

The ring of eight at Stokeslimsland was rung again after Evensong on the Sunday before Christmas in readiness for the festival. They are to be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro in January. This parish is well known because of the Royal Farm being here, and very recently was visited once more by the King and Queen. The bells have been rehung, and the sixth recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The Penzance Branch of the Guild is holding monthly practices for method ringing, and some useful work is being done. The winter programme was begun at Carbis Bay in October, on November 22nd Towednack was visited, and Gulval on December 13th. The January practice is to be at Helston on the 24th. Recently the Madron band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles under the conductorship of Mr. G. W. Taysom, and this was the first quarter on the bells for over thirty years.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

WINCHESTER ANNUAL.

Between 60 and 70 members attended the annual meeting of the Winchester District at Winchester on January 3rd. Proceedings started at St. Maurice's, where ringers queued to get into the belfry.

Mr. George Williams, the Master, presided at the business meeting at Dumper's Restaurant, and an apology was received from Mr. W. Andrews, captain of the Cathedral band, owing to ill-health.

It was decided to approach the Rev. J. S. O. Mansell, of Winchester College, with a view to his becoming district chairman vice the former Archdeacon of Winchester, who had moved to Hereford.

Following the resignation of Mr. L. Tremeer as district secretary, Mr. J. King agreed to accept office. All other officers were re-elected.

New ringing members elected were Messrs. D. Short, jun., and E. Daubeney (Stockbridge), the Misses M. Peddle and E. Whitcomb and the Rev. J. G. R. Blackwell (King's Somborne) and Mr. J. King (Winchester).

The next annual district meeting was fixed for January 1st, 1949, and is to be held at Winchester. The first quarterly meeting is to be held at Hursley on April 3rd.

The meeting was followed by a sumptuous tea, which preceded a service in the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Selwyn, Rector of Old Alresford. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Maurice's were rung after the service.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA.—On Dec. 7th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barber 1, R. F. Hart 2, Eileen Cropley 3, F. Bush 4, R. Stalibrass 5, A. Williams 6, S. J. Hart (cond.) 7, C. Howard 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. F. Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, W. Slaughter 3, F. Sadler 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, R. Beale 6. In memoriam Mr. Jack Sherlock, a former ringer.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. D. Bennett 1, F. Skidmore 2, E. J. Ridler 3, F. J. Samson 4, R. G. Hooper 5, C. Baker 6, S. G. Riches (first as conductor) 7, H. Payne 8.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—On Dec. 14th, at the College of SS. Mark and John, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. T. Chapman 1-2, Jack King 3-4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5-6. First quarter of Minor 'in hand' by all.

CROYDON.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Peter's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Edna George 1, Violet Potter 2, P. Gray 3, T. Blow 4, F. Jones 5, J. Perrott 6, B. Newson 7 J. Hayward 8, H. Simmons (cond.) 9, W. Brownett 10. In memoriam Rev. C. Deane. First quarter since front six have been rehung on ball bearings.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Elsie K. Fulton 1, P. D. Beedie 2, R. Wenban 3, H. D. Butler 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. R. Mayne 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, F. J. Wilcox 8.

IPSWICH.—At St. Margaret's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Mattinson 1, J. Rose 2, E. Ellenger 3, W. Kinsey 4, J. Munnings 5, E. Grimes 6, E. Blomfield (cond.) 7, F. Kinsey 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. J. Denton 1, A. F. Thirst 2, Mrs. M. Hopgood 3, Miss S. E. Harris 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, D. J. Charnley (first in method) 6, E. Dodds 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8, F. Hopgood (first inside on 10) 9, A. Tomblin 10. First on ten bells 1 and 7.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—At St. Michael's Church on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Roger Keeley (aged 12, first of Stedman) 1, N. Adams 2, S. Green 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, G. S. Morris 6, H. G. Keeley 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Knight 1, Peter Neal 2, Brian McArthur (first quarter inside) 3, John Watson 4, Stanley Evans (cond.) 5, John May (first quarter) 6.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Critchell 1, J. Bartlett 2, F. Andrews 3, J. Batson 4, W. Tiley (cond.) 5, L. White 6.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Stemson 1, F. W. Harley 2, P. Armstrong 3, F. Towell 4, J. A. Fenton (cond.) 5, F. J. Stimson 6, E. Higgs 7, S. B. Higgs 8. The ringers of 4 and 7 have 50 years and the tenor 48 years of unbroken service at the church.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Bob Major: Mrs. A. Smith 1, S. Hessey 2, R. Lathbury (cond.) 3, Joan Smith 4, W. Goldstone 5, E. Armstrong 6, R. Andrews 7, G. W. Morris 8.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Iris P. Ewins 1, H. Kingston 2, P. Underwood 3, E. Armstrong 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, W. Ham 6.

POWICK, WORCS. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Keyte (first quarter) 1, G. Cook 2, G. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, S. Yapp 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Edwards 1, G. A. Naylor 2, F. G. Southgate 3, T. Cross 4, F. J. Cheal 5, W. J. Walker (cond.) 6, E. Naylor 7, W. Hollands 8. For the 80th birthday of the conductor.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Reed 1, G. Clemence (first away from tenor) 2, Joan Withey 3, V. Williams (cond.) 4, S. Seymour 5, P. Williams 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples:— L. Bramall (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, R. Gibbons (first quarter) 4, A. E. Barlow 5, C. Underwood 6, H. E. Sibley 7, W. Vann 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Morgan 1, E. Avery 2, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 3, E. Mills 4, A. Smith 5, G. King 6, J. Harris 7, F. Hook 8. With 4.6.8 covering. First quarter for 7 and 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Dec. 14th, quarter-peal of Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. L. Perkins 5, John Perkins (age 81) 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, G. Nicholls 8.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Thomas 1, G. Church 2, R. Challen 3, F. Bennett 4, E. Marsh 5, F. Howe 6, H. Stalham 7, F. Page (cond.) 8.

SOWTON, DEVON. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Dunster 1, G. Betts 2, W. Selden 3, J. Salway 4, A. Tapley 5, A. Holway 6, G. Retter (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT. — On Dec. 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Lightfoot (first in method) 1, A. Peake 2, Miss M. Rigby (first inside) 3, N. Randall 4, C. H. Page 5, F. W. Wilshaw 6, W. P. Dean 7, N. R. Holland (cond.) 8.

STOKE POGES BUCKS. — On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cornell (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, W. Birmingham 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, J. B. Ford 6, D. H. Pearce 7, W. L. Gutteridge 8.

SWINDON, WILTS. — On Dec. 21st, at Christ Church, 1,440 Kent Royal: C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 1, A. Diserens 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, F. J. Daniell 4, J. Berry 5, R. W. Rex 6, G. Wells 7, W. Carter 8, T. Townsend 9, W. W. Daniell 10.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Hotchin 1, R. Harris 2, J. Cole 3, R. Perry 4, L. Vickery 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except conductor.

WARMINSTER, WILTS. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Marlow 1, E. F. White 2, C. N. Pearson 3, E. Norris 4, R. Tudgay 5, H. Blanchard 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8.

WEST HAM.—On Dec. 21st at All Saints', 1,257 Stedman Caters: A. W. Brighton 1, C. A. Hughes 2, A. Prior 3, E. E. Holman 4, J. F. Grove 5, R. Stannard 6, C. E. Willmington 7, E. Furbank 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, J. McPhail 10. In memoriam G. Hayden.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, a welcome home to the ringer of the second: Miss Muriel Reay (first quarter) 1, Brian Staveley 2, J. L. Wright 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, K. Walker 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire, with 7.6.8 covering: Miss M. Baker (first quarter) 1, P. C. Wright 2, F. P. Wright (first as cond.) 3, Miss D. Jordan 4, C. F. Mills 5, Miss J. Austin (first quarter) 6, D. G. Saul (first quarter) 7, A. Chapman 8. First quarter in more than one method by all.

WHISTON, YORKS. — On Dec. 21st, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Rhodes (first quarter) 1, J. Curwin (first inside) 2, B. Thomas 3, G. Preston 4, P. Coote 5, B. Thomas 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First quarter-peal at Parish Church by all local service ringers.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Culver 1, R. Johnson 2, A. G. Hill 3, A. Groves (first quarter) 4, G. V. Murphy 5, B. W. Aldridge 6, F. A. Coley (cond.) 7, C. Dann 8.

WROTHAM, KENT. — On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. B. Marchant 1, C. E. East 2, Edna M. Sills 3, A. V. Kemp 4, Reg L. Sills (cond.) 5, C. Shaw (first quarter) 6.

Limerick's Bells Recast

The bells of the Redemptorist Church at Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, have been recast and consecrated—the 11 bells weighing five tons, the tenor being 21¼ cwt. There is a ring of 10 and eleventh bell for chiming. The work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The ceremony of consecration by the Bishop of Limerick was one of solemnity and dignity. The bells were suspended from a great beam 10 ft. high, stretching across the church some distance in front of the altar rails, each bell being about 4 ft. from the ground.

The ceremony started with singing seven psalms. The Bishop then washed the bells with the blessed water. Four priests followed him, completing the washing, inside and out, of each bell. As they finished a bell the Master of Ceremonies approached and measured each bell with a tape and marked it with chalk where the crosses are to be made with holy oil at the anointing.

The solemn anointings consisted of seven crosses on the outside of each bell with holy oil of Extreme Unction, and four on the inside with chrism, each cross accompanied by a dedicatory formula.

Then followed a procession from the sacristy of eleven little white and red clad thurifers, each with a shining thurible. They approached the Bishop, who poured into each censer its quota of incense. Each thurifer then placed his thurible under a bell so that the ascending smoke should fill it.

The Bishop concluded the ceremony by making the sign of the cross over the bells, and as the procession went towards the sacristy the ringers struck the bells with small wooden mallets.

Solemn High Mass followed.

MR. W. H. HEWETT'S 500 PEALS

Cambridge Surprise Maximus 32 (conducted 5), Royal 55 (21), Major 49 (9), Minor 1; Yorkshire Surprise Maximus 1, Royal 9 (7), Major 4 (2); Superlative Surprise Maximus 2, Major 43 (5).

Middlesex Surprise Royal 5; Pudsey Surprise Royal 1 (1); London Surprise Royal 4, Major 10; Bristol Surprise Major 14; Brighton Surprise Major 1; Norfolk Surprise Major 4; New Cumberland Surprise Major 5; New Cambridge Surprise Major 1: Spliced Surprise Major 1; Double Norwich Royal 8 (5), Major 49 (5); Double Oxford Major 1: Waterloo Reverse Bob Major 1; Duffield Royal 2, Major 1; Forward Royal 2, Major 1.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus 7, Royal 4 (1), Major 4; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Major 2 (1); Oxford, Kent and Plain Minor 1.

Plain Bob Maximus 1, Royal 1, Major 2.

Stedman Cinques 36 (6), Caters 58 (26), Triples 24 (5).

Grandsire Caters 5, Triples 5, Doubles 1; total 459 (99).

Handbells.—Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Royal 2; Plain Bob Maximus 1, Royal 12; Major 14; Stedman Cinques 3, Caters 4, Triples 1; Grandsire Cinques 2, Triples 1; total 41.

There are two record lengths included: 10,440 Cambridge Royal and 7,392 Cambridge Maximus at Bow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Renewed activity was the reason for a meeting to be held again by the Association, after a lapse of a number of years, at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on January 3rd. An average attendance was well maintained and the six bells were rung to a variety of methods.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. K. C. Davis, the provisional elections of Messrs. A. and N. J. Diserens (Reading) were confirmed, and the Misses P. Betts and E. Fadden (St. Mary's, Hornsey) were elected ringing members.

The service, supported by organ and choir, was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Finch (hon. member), who extended a welcome to the Association.

OBITUARY

MR. J. E. PHILBRICK.

The news of the death of Mr. John Ernest Philbrick on Christmas Eve at the age of 64 was received with much sorrow by his ringing friends at Lyme Regis. For 30 years he had been attached to the Lyme Regis tower, acting as hon. secretary to the St. Michael's Guild for the 24 years before he left Lyme to settle in a new home at Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. There he associated himself with Prittlewell tower.

He was one of the pioneers of change ringing at Lyme, and before ill-health prevented him from sustaining long touches he had rung seven peals in standard methods—five of them in Lyme tower—and a number of quarter-peals.

A faithful churchman and of a conscientious, persevering disposition, he set a most reliable example in the belfry, ever caring for the interest of the novices and rejoicing in every fresh accomplishment.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory at St. Michael's, Lyme Regis, on January 4th, by the following: E. S. Hawker 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, S. H. Green 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. S. Morris 6, C. W. Powell 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MR. GEORGE JORDAN.

Mr. George Jordan, of Stansted, Essex, died on Christmas Eve at Bishop's Stortford Hospital after a serious operation. He had been a ringer for over 50 years, and was a most enthusiastic and safe ringer in all standard methods up to Bristol Surprise.

The bells were rung half-muffled directly after the interment by his fellow ringers, and at night a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was unsuccessful. He will be greatly missed. W.P.

MR. FRANK BUGLER.

The St. Mary's Ringing Guild, Beaminster, have suffered a great loss by the death on December 31st of Mr. Frank Bugler. He joined the Guild in 1894, when 17 years old, and continued an active member to within a short time of his death. During the 53 years he was connected with the Guild he had taken the greatest interest in all its activities and had taken part in several peals of Doubles and Triples.

His fellow ringers rang a half-muffled touch before his funeral, and on January 4th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory on the bells he loved so much by the following members of the Guild: W. J. Bailey, E. P. Bailey, E. F. Brooks, A. T. Gunning, J. L. Glyde, J. C. Poole, J. Barrett (conductor) and W. C. Poole.

MR. D. ELLINGHAM.

Mr. Daniel Ellingham, of Hatfield, died on Christmas Day, aged 80. He had been a ringer at St. Etheldreda's Parish Church for 44 years and previous to that had been at Baldock for 10 years.

Although not a peal ringer, he was a constant, dependable and valuable service ringer, and his activities extended into other branches of church life; he had been sidesman, churchwarden and secretary to the Parochial Church Council, and made a large number of generous contributions to the finances of the church and especially the belfry.

In his memory, 1,259 changes of Grandsire Caters were rung with the bells half-muffled at the Church of St. Etheldreda on the evening of January 30th, the day of the burial, by Stanley Huckle 1, John T. Kentish (conductor) 2, Albert R. Lawrence 3, Arthur R. Burgess 4, Donald C. Price 5, Robert A. Cochrane 6, Alan White 7, Harry L. Nobbs 8, Albert Lawrence 9, Leonard F. Cull 10. A.R.B.

St. Michael's, Aldershot, bells have been overhauled at a cost of £157. To assist towards the cost local ringers are holding a social on January 24th.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement was announced on Dec. 30th between Ralph Geoffrey Edwards, of Birkenhead, and Edna Frances Bedford, of Uxbridge. 2916

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage between Mr. Ernest William Pye and Miss Madeline Olive Broyd will be solemnised at St. Peter's Church, Sible Hedingham, on March 27th (Easter Saturday). Ringers who have been invited may have sleeping accommodation on the Friday night and Saturday night arranged for them providing they reply early to Victoria Villas, Alexandra Road, Sible Hedingham, Essex. 2932

DEATH

COLERIDGE.—On Jan. 5th, 1948, at Glebe House, Littleham, Exmouth, Hilda Augusta, wife of the late Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, of Cornwood, Devon, formerly Vicar of Leatherhead.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. E. W. Pye is now at 19, Elmhurst Drive, Ipswich, Suffolk. 2933

MISCELLANEOUS

START THE NEW YEAR WELL and keep your ringing records in really first-class order.—Write to Will Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, for details of Delight Ringers' Record Books. 2897

PUBLICATIONS

'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. 2174

MEETINGS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—A general meeting will be held at the University Union, Victoria Rooms, on Friday, Jan. 16th, at 5.15 p.m. Practices to be arranged. Will all members please attend?—Barbara Podger, Hon. Sec. 2935

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Annual, Terrington St. John (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2913

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Winshill (6), Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 2912

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Gainsborough, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 2910

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. District Sec. 2858

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at Mistley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 4.45, followed by business.—H. J. Millatt, Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 2860

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Halesowen, Saturday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 2873

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, All Saints' (6), Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. W. Lack, Acting Secretary. 2884

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next General Meeting will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The new ring of 12 bells, tenor 35 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in Chapter House 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) served 5 p.m. in Cathedral schools. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. — L. W. G. Morris, General Secretary, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 2839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at Rochester Cathedral after the meeting. — B. W. May, Hon. District Secretary. 2851

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 17th, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Bells available 3. Bring own food. 2918

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Baddow (8) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 2863

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Annual meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, January 17th. St. Michael's (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Nell Gwyn Tea Rooms (near church) 4.30 p.m. Business meeting following. Cathedral (12) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 2907

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Central Cafe. — W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 2882

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting, All Saints', Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, including election of officers for 1948.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 2893

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual, Wells, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Cathedral bells (10) 2 to 4, St. Cuthbert's 3. Service 4. Tea and Meeting, Wickendens, after.—W. H. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 2899

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Brentford (6), Jan. 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. (Collection for Bishop's Fund). Tea and meeting Church Hall after.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivate 5320. 2906

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service, 4.15 p.m., St. Andrew-the-Great. Tea and business, 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Vestry. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Benet's (6), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Mary-the-Great (12), 6.30 p.m. onwards.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2900

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst (8), Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 2902

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham Dist.—Annual, St. Mary's (10), Nottingham, Jan. 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.. Milton Cafe. Names to Mr. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. All welcome. 2849

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea must reach Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 2909

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Meeting at Bilston, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food and sugar.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 2901

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol. 2945

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting 4. Service 5. Tea provided for those who let me know by Tuesday morning, Jan. 20th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wincanton (8), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please notify for tea by Jan. 20th.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 2892

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Littleham, Exmouth, Jan. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 2885

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Annual meeting, Sutton-on-Trent (8), Jan. 24th, 2.30. Tea for those who notify Miss Burchnall, Station Road, Sutton-on-Trent, by 20th.—J. W. Raithby, District Secretary. 2888

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — Annual branch meeting, Irthlingborough (8) on Jan. 24th. Service 4. Names for tea early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2880

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual meeting, East Haddon (6 bells), Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. All are welcome.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec. 2915

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2927

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, 8 bells, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 2938

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Birkenhead, St. Mary's (6), Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 2936

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Jan. 24th, Chalfont St. Peter. Bells 6 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Slough 23260. 2943

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to the Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts, by Jan. 22nd.—A. E. Symonds Dis. Sec. 2942

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m., St. Peter's (8), Fordington St. George (6). Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by Jan. 20th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery. — Annual, Bridgwater, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by 20th.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2924

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Benington (6), Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, Parish Hall, 5. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided for those who notify me by Monday, Jan. 19th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2947

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Leicester District).—Joint annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m., All Saints' (6), St. Margaret's (8), Cathedral (12). Tea and meeting 5 p.m., St. Martin's Day School. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 20th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 2944

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kempston, near Bedford.—The dedication of the two new treble bells, Sunday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. 2939

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Rawtenstall, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. 2914

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Penge, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 27th, to Mr. D. G. Brown, 15, Mosslea Road, Penge, S.E.20.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2922

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. St. Peter's bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 17th. Subscriptions due 1948. Names for tea by Jan. 24th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (2s.) and business meeting at Newnham Guest House, near church, at 5 p.m. Notify for tea before Thursday, Jan. 29th. — G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2920

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual, Mangotsfield, Jan. 31st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 2919

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business 5. Service 6.—T. J. Lock, District Secretary. 2923

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Burbage, Jan. 31st. Ringing 2.30. Meeting in 'hut,' Grove Road, 5.40, followed by hot supper 7, and social evening 8 to 11.30. Names for (a) supper, 4s. 6d. each, (b) bus home, by Jan. 26th, with remittance, to Mr. E. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road Hinckley. 2940

LADIES' GUILD and LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Pudsey, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, by Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Business meetings to follow tea.—Mrs. D. E. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secretaries. 2937

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's bells also available. Tea for those who notify by 29th.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2934

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket (6) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Will all those interested in the appointment of a District Secretary for this district please attend? Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by 28th, at 5 p.m., Lakeman's Cafe.—A. Gillings, Acting Dis. Sec., Horringer. 2931

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. onwards. Own tea arrangements. Cafes in town.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2930

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Jan. 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 27th, please. Christ Church (10) available in the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 2929

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 31st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, by Jan. 27th. 2928

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Eastern and Western Districts, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged 3s. 6d. per head.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2926

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.—Sunday ringing 9.45 to 10.30 and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Thursday, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All enquiries to R. H. Dove, 70, Morris Lane, Leeds 5. 2941

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*H. Bullough	*Treble*	†G. Ernest Kettle ...	4
†L. Davies	2	†Arnold Moore	5
‡G. C. Beech	3	*David Sherratt ...	*Tenor*
		*R. B. Kett	

Conducted by Arnold Moore.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

WOOL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*Edw. F. M. Samson ...	*Treble*	Rev. R. F. R. Routh...	4
Daniel T. Matkin ...	2	Frederick Precey ...	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	Arthur V. Davis ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal in three methods.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and one 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

John Myhill	*Treble*	Ernest J. Runter ...	4
*Miss Jean Thomas ...	2	Herbert Devenish ...	5
*John K. Shadrack ...	3	Henry W. Shadrack ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Devenish.
* First peal. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. Gordon Allison, B.A.

ROPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 3 hours and 2 minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Nesta D. Smith	*Treble*	William R. Melville...	4
*Leslie A. Tremeer ...	2	*Ernest F. Salmons ...	5
Richard Smith	3	Charles H. Kippin ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal in seven methods.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent of St. Clement's, two extents of Kent Treble Bob two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Alf. E. Honeywood ...	*Treble*	Ronald G. Bugg ...	4
†Alan R. Andrews ...	2	George Waterman ...	5
Ernest H. Scarfe ...	3	†Urban W. Wildney ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal. † 50th peal together.

BARRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 240 each of Morris' and Thompson's Arrangement, and 38 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Reginald Beale	*Treble*	Arthur Drayton	4
*Alfred Bond	2	†Arthur Rowsell ...	5
Jack W. Drew	3	Thomas J. Hill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald Beale.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 24, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 4½ cwt.

*John E. S. Moreton...	*Treble*	†Miss M. Beamish (12)	4
*J. W. Frank Trotman	2	Leonard Trevor ...	5
James F. Clarke ...	3	*John Thompson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 13, 1947, *in 3 Hours,*
In St. Martin's Vestry,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

George F. Swann	1-2	Frank E. Pervin	7-8
Albert Walker	3-4	Edgar C. Shepherd ...	9-10
Frank E. Haynes	5-6	George E. Fearn	11-12

Composed by Frank W. Perrens. Conducted by Albert Walker.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 14, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
At Stedman, Sketchley Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alfred Jordon	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead	3-4	†Hector A. Knights ...	7-8

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal in the method 'inside,' † First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal in the method as conductor.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 14, 1947, *in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,*
At 78, New Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores with six different callings.

*Vincent W. Rigg	1-2	†Edgar C. Shepherd ...	3-4
*John N. Jukes	5-6		

Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Doubles.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 16, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.*
At Britannic,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
Fred Jeffery	3-4	Philip Barnes	7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 17, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor size 18 in G.

Raymond Philpott	1-2	*Fredk. A. Munday ...	5-6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3-4	*Harold A. May	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
At, 95, Sincil Bank,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Charles McGuiness ...	1-2	†Jack L. Millhouse ...	7-8
†John Freeman	3-4	†John A. Freeman ...	9-10
Jean A. Southerst ...	5-6	†John Walden	11-12

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' † First twelve-bell peal 'in hand.'

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 19, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
At the Residence of G. Wightman,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*Willoughby E. Maulden	1-2	William Wightman ...	5-6
*Frank L. Fisher	3-4	George Wightman	7-8

Composed by W. Sottanstall. Conducted by Geo. Wightman.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

KINGSTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 21, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

Geoffrey Dodds	1-2	Edwin J. Lindley ...	5-6
*Jill Brittain	3-4	†H. William Barrett ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal on handbells

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HAPPY relationship between the Church authorities and ringers is an all-important subject. It is a matter that cannot be neglected, and when we hear of ringers failing to get on with their parson we wonder if the fullest endeavours are being made to understand each other. There are cases among clergy of men who fail to appreciate the music of the bells; others are susceptible to the 'anti-bells' members of their congregation. Except in very rural parishes the incumbent has to decide whether he will defend his ringers or not against these attacks. Most clergy are very loyal friends to their ringers.

The ringers of the tower to which the writer is attached annually invite the Rector and his senior curate to supper early in the New Year. A similar practice is followed in other towers. The friendship engendered is very real and an understanding of the parson's problems in relation to the tower is quickly established. We heard on the last occasion about Cirencester in the early years of the present century, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the days of Rev. 'Dick' Sheppard, of Ashford, Kent, and the great joy that was given by the peal rung in honour of the gift of a son. Yes, those who rang on that occasion are still remembered with affection.

To the reminiscences the ringers added their contribution; the captain had a record of 55 years of continuous service and another member 50 years'. Nothing unusual about that, will comment many a veteran, but their continuity of service was impressive to our new Rector, and they could tell of the days when fines were imposed on latecomers and absentees for Sunday service ringing. The young ringers present became conscious of the great tradition to which they are heirs, and it might be recorded that their response is gratifying.

And there were toasts at this gathering apart from the formal ones. The Cumberlands and Ancient Society members were honoured, those who had rung 50 peals during 1947, the 'first pealers,' the new 'Double Norwich' Company and the Surprise ringers. Each toast was followed by explanations to the non-ringing representatives of the Church present. An innocent question was What is a 'Surprise' method? It dumbfounded even our talkative member and, parrot fashion, he repeated the definition, 'A method on treble bob principle with an internal place made at each cross section of the treble.' 'Something very complicated, eh?' 'Yes,' came the rejoinder, and 12 heads nodded in unison. The professors of the Exercise will smile, but we humbler folk feel that we created the right impression!

TEN BELL PEALS

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN CHARNOCK ...	*Treble*	*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ...	6
*G. ALEC DIMMOCK ...	2	*EDW. COWPERTHWAITE...	7
SYDNEY TUSON	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	8
KENNETH HALL	4	*FRANCIS MCCARTHY ...	9
JOHN JACKSON	5	E. ROGER MARTIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by C. CROSSTHWAITEH
* First peal of Royal.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

RONALD W. HAYWARD	*Treble*	*FRANCIS J. MORRIS ...	6
ARTHUR H. REED ...	2	*FRANK E. HANSFORD ...	7
*WILLIAM H. TARR ...	3	HARRY MOCKRIDGE ...	8
*DUDLEY SHELDON ...	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	9
CLIFFORD WILLIAMS ...	5	†PERCY T. PENGELLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal on ten. † First peal. First as conductor on ten.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ...	*Treble*	†DONALD R. MARSHALL...	6
*JOHN SIDDLE	2	‡CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...	7
†KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	3	ALFRED ASHTON	8
ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	4	ERNEST H. RAYNOR ...	9
‡MARY LINGARD	5	*THOMAS PEDDER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*SAM SCATTERGOOD ...	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	6
†ERNEST THORPE	2	*GORDON BRIGGS	7
‡BARRY HOLLAND	3	GORDON GRAHAM	8
WALTER ALLWOOD ...	4	HERBT. O. CHADDOCK...	9
RALPH LONG	5	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. MILES (Y.A. peal, No. 4493).
Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Caters † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *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. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
*JOHN DAVY	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ...	7
GEORGE W. STEERE ...	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	6
ERIC BRUNTON	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON ...	*Treble*	†WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	5
*MISS HILDA STOBBS ...	2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
†SAMUEL C. WALKER ...	4	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 172). Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since the rehanging of the trebles.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

*HELEN GORRINGE ...	*Treble*	ALBERT KEMP	5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ...	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	6
†RUTH LENEY	3	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ...	7
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ...	4	*LAWRENCE T. POPE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*C. HENRY HARDING ...	*Treble*	†HAROLD BURTON ...	5
†ALFRED RUSHTON ...	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	6
RONALD J. SHARP ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES...	7
†ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	4	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 23 cwt.

GLOUCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*RONALD WRIGHT ...	*Treble*	HARRY DANIELS	5
THOMAS NEWMAN ...	2	HAROLD AUSTIN	6
GEORGE CASE	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
WILLIAM JONES	4	HARRY NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
PHILIP A. CORBY	4	FRANK I. HAIRS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
Conductor's 400th peal.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

BETTY SPICE	*Treble*	JOHN E. LYDDIARD	5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	6
HILDA OAKSHETT	3	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY	7
*GILBERT E. PLATER	4	PERCY J. SPICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
*MISS ENID WALKLATE	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
BURLEY P. MORRIS	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
*RAYMOND H. IDLE	4	GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	THOMAS BEAUMONT	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

LONDON
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

SQUIRE CROFT	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	THOMAS SIMMONS	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON	2	CORNELIUS J. GIBSON	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
MRS. E. D. POOLE	2	CLIFFORD BARRON	6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3	E. DENNIS POOLE	7
JOSEPH L. STANIER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOHN HALE	*Treble*	§ROBERT GUY	5
†SYD FLINT	2	§DENNIS BOOTH	6
‡JAMES TAYLOR	3	GEORGE SKELLAND	7
JOHN LUNHAM	4	WM. H. DEACON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.
* First peal of Major. † First 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal. § First of Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM L. LAMBERT	*Treble*	JOSEPH LOVETT	5
*WALTER PROSSER	2	JACK WORRALL	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	7
JAMES EVANS	4	FREDERICK LASBURY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SYDNEY M. BAILEY.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 12½ cwt.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*DAPHNE GOOD	*Treble*	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	5
†GEORGE W. PIPE	2	KEITH WHITTELL	6
HOBART E. SMITH	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
*JANET MATTINSON	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 20, 1947; *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
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 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	WALLACE COUSINS	4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 24, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten call'ings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*MISS PEGGY P. LADD	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	4
†DONALD E. LEE	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	5
‡HERBERT J. HUNT	3	JACK LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS RHODA HEMMINGS	*Treble*	GEORGE F. BAILEY	4
GEOFFREY W. HAIR	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
SIDNEY H. JONES	3	WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CURSON.
First peal in the method as conductor.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG ...	4
WILLIAM A. ROUSE ...	2	GEORGE WATERMAN ...	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS ...	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	4
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	2	EDWARD BIRKETT	5
JOHN BOOTH	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *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.

ERNEST LOCK ...	*Treble*	TOM HANCOCK	3
HARRY COMMINS	2	RAYMOND WINTER ...	4
CLAUDE W. J. TARR ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON	*Treble*	JOE READER	4
*RICHARD HIND	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
*ERIC DAWSON	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT G. GODDARD	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	4
BERTRAM C. HINES ...	2	ALBERT PRYKE	5
DESMOND G. MAYELL ...	3	JOHN SITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, SUTTON,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Treble*	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ...	4
*ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	5
CHARLES W. LAWTON...	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* Fiftieth peal.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	MISS K. BURCHNALL ...	4
*HENRY WILLOWS	2	FREDERICK JACKSON ...	5
WILLIAM BRETT	3	HAROLD DENMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation from four to six.

WINSHILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*GEORGE A. R. BROWN	*Treble*	SYDNEY H. JONES ...	4
WILLIAM J. LEACH ...	2	GEORGE L. RODEN ...	5
GORDON HARRISON ...	3	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Minor.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	4
GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	WALTER ALLMAN	5
ERIC J. GILBERT	3	FRANK VARTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.
To celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 24, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
100th peal as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor size 18 in G.

*HAROLD F. WOOD	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3-4	*HAROLD A. MAY	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 22, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 74, CLARENDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	†ALFRED BALLARD	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	EDGAR VALLANCE	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 23, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*THOMAS HARRIS	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	JOHN THOMAS	7-8
*PATRICK HARRIS	9-10		

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Royal.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROBERT W. METCALFE ...	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON...	3-4
EDWIN H. LEWIS	5-6		

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.
* First peal 'in hand.'

WATERFORD.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT 14, JOHN'S HILL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of eight extents Plain Bob and 34 Grandsire.

MISS ADA C. DUKES ...	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3-4
T. W. WARREN JONES ...	5-6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
First handbell peal in the county. Rung in honour of the formation of the Southern District in Waterford this day. Tenor size 11 in G.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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Peals in this issue are almost exclusively devoted to those rung on Boxing Day.

On the 30th anniversary of his first peal at Erith, Mr. Frederick J. Cullum rang his 400th peal.

Congratulations to Miss Peggy Ladd, the first lady member of St. Nicholas', North Bradley, Wilts, band to ring a peal.

Mr. W. W. Worthington, president of the Midland Counties Guild, had birthday honours paid him at Lullington, Derbyshire.

All the band who rang the first peal at Warsop, Notts, learnt to ring on the four bells of the church. The ring was augmented 13 days previous to the peal.

Recognition of Mr. J. W. L. Slack's 50 years' membership of the local company of the Chester Diocesan Guild was a peal at Macclesfield on Boxing Day.

Mr. W. G. Gigg called a peal in the three towers in Taunton during 1947. He believes that this has never been accomplished previously in the same year.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Bromham, Bedfordshire, was the first in the method by a resident band for the Association and the first of Surprise Major on the bells.

Doven of Bradford ringers is Mr. William Cundle, who after 50 years of service still rings regularly at the Cathedral. The peal on Boxing Day was in honour of his 80th birthday and was the first by a local band for 25 years.

Two golden weddings were honoured by the peal at South Weald, Essex, on Boxing Day—Mr. and Mrs. George Sewell (Bentley) and Mr. and Mrs. Palmer (South Weald). The peal was also a wedding compliment to two of the band—Messrs. B. C. Hines and J. Sitch.

Longest length rung on Boxing Day was 6,048 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bromley Common. This, states the conductor, Miss Betty Spice, is the greatest number of changes rung by all the band and on the bells.

From 'Ringing Towers,' journal of N.S.W. Association for December: 'We take a dim view of the notice which appeared outside the tower when a peal was in progress and which read, 'Scram, we're busy' Surely it is not necessary to employ American slang in connection with any activity of change ringing, which is as English as England.'

To become a ringing master of an association at the age of 17 is almost unparalleled in the history of the Exercise. Best wishes and a happy period of office to Mr. F. W. Grocott, of Stoke-on-Trent. It would be interesting to learn of other youthful masters.

Mr. W. H. Hewett has called peals on eight, ten and twelve bells with bands composed half of College Youths and the remainder of Cumberlands. Such was the composition of the band ringing at Beckingham. Veteran of the party was Mr. G. H. Daynes (77), who was celebrating the 57th anniversary of his wedding. Also ringing was Mr. I. Emery, aged 76.

The peal at South Wigston on Boxing Day was specially rung to mark the anniversary of the world record long peal of 17,104 Double Norwich, rung in 1904, in 10 hours 35 minutes. The veteran Josiah Morris, now in his 81st year, rang the treble in this peal with equal precision as he did in the record peal. Only he and Mr. T. Taffender survive of the original band. It was also on Boxing Day, 1901, at this church that 'old Joe' rang the 2nd to 10,176 Kent Major in 6 hours 26 minutes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PRISONER OF WAR RINGS PEAL

Dear Sir,—A very special mention should be made of the peal of Doubles rung at All Saints', Leicester, on December 26th. For the last six months or so, Mr. Sidney Harrison, of St. John's, Leicester, has been teaching two German prisoners of war the art of English ringing. They have progressed very rapidly and both can ring the tenor covering as well as the treble hunt, and have knowledge of Stedman.

As one of them is due for repatriation on January 8th, it was resolved to get him a peal before leaving, hence this one now recorded. The writer heard the greater part and can testify to its being well struck and hereby joins in the very special act of goodwill shown by the ringers, who, besides paying his entrance fee, presented him with a framed Guild certificate, each signing his name around the same.

I am quite sure all ringers will join in wishing the very best of joy and happiness to Philipp Blaesy when he returns home to Odernheim, Germany.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St Margaret's, Leicester.

BIG BEN

Dear Sir,—Mrs. Kelly may be interested to hear of the following incident which I have heard my husband relate with keen enjoyment. It occurred during a meeting of the Central Council held in Westminster, when he and the Rev. H. Law James were sitting next to each other. The civic dignitary who was present to welcome the Council reminded his audience that they sat within earshot of bells representing both Church and State, whereupon Mr. Law James in an audible whisper remarked, 'Then the State is cracked!'

MOLLY POWELL.

Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

This year's Central Council meeting will be held in London on Whit Tuesday (May 18th). No arrangements are being made for hotel accommodation, and delegates and visitors are advised to secure their bookings as early as possible.

(Continued from previous column)

Mr. Edmund Mounter, for many years a member of the band at Bromley, Kent, until church and bells were destroyed in the war, celebrated his 70th birthday on December 18th. He is now attached to St. Mary's, Lewisham, where an attempt for a quarter of Grandsire Triples was lost. The peal at Erith on Dec. 19th was a birthday compliment to him.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Preston on Boxing Day replaces the one rung on April 7th, which proved to be false. The composition by Mr. Edwin Timbrell was originally published in 'The Bell News' of October 3rd, 1900, and the composer has no recollection of it having been rung before. This peal was in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Tuson.

The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, who was ordained at Bristol Cathedral in 1939 and for the last four years has been priest-in-charge of the Church of St. Francis, Ewell, has been presented with the living of Hawley, Hants, in the Guildford Diocese. Mr. Davis is a keen ringer, but this will be his first church with a ring of bells. Hawley is the only tower in the Farnham District without any ringers (a chiming apparatus is used!); it is hoped that with Mr. Davis' induction, probably in April, a fresh start will be made, although it is likely that a bellhanger will need to do a little overhauling.

GREAT PAUL AND ITS USE

Dear Sir,—It appears from 'Bells Thro' the Ages' that there are no specific occasions on which 'Great Paul' is rung.

I was under the impression that it was rung on the death of Royalty, but according to Nichols 'Great Tom' is used for this purpose. If this is so it seems a great pity that the heaviest bell in the country is never heard. Perhaps someone can throw some light on the subject.

J. E. BAILEY.

Dartford, Kent.

APRIL DAY MINOR?

Sir,—In view of the fact that a Grandsire Single rung in Plain Bob Doubles results in an accepted method known as April Day, is there any objection to a Grandsire Minor Single being rung in Plain Bob Minor?

Could a true 720 be called on this principle and would the call be a bob or a single? Would there be a variation of 720's, and in view of the unpopularity of Grandsire Minor, dare I ask, would the result be unmusical?—Yours faithfully,

W. J. GAIT.

Station House, Hallatrow, Bristol.

PEAL DELETIONS BY ESSEX ASSN.

Sir,—The secretary of the Northern District of the Essex Association informed me verbally on the 10th inst. that the Association were not recognising the following peals conducted by me during 1947:—

Grandsire Triples at Halstead, June 28th; Minor four methods on handbells and Grandsire Triples rung on July 8th and 12th at Sible Hedingham; and Minor in three methods at Rayne on August 26th.

At a meeting of the general committee of the Association at Chelmsford in November the committee decided to delete the name of Mr. E. W. Pye from the list of members with effect from Whit Monday, 1947, and, therefore, seeing that Mr. Pye stood in the foregoing peals, they cannot stand as peals for the Association

The Essex Association prefer peals such as the 5,376 of Superlative at Bocking with one before used, and the Bristol at Dunmow which did not come into rounds.

E. JENNINGS.

Braintree.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—I should like to express appreciation of the Australian ringers for their kind thought in sending Christmas gifts to England. I received a parcel with the greetings of the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers, also two photos of the ringers out there. I understand that the idea developed from 'moonlight trips' by motor-launch organised by the Sydney ringers, and I, for one, admire the thought for ringers in England.

Turning back the pages of 'The Great Adventure,' I see some of the noblest of our ringers who took part in that historic journey have now passed on. During the war years English ringers visited Sydney in the course of duty with the Forces, and the splendid account of the help they gave during their stay out there is a pleasure to read.

Two peals have recently been accomplished by this new Association, which is remarkable, as some of those taking part have been ringing only a matter of months. Will Rowe and Ronald Rowe, the two conductors, must feel proud of their achievement. The former is the Editor of the monthly journal, 'The Ringing Towers,' which has been in circulation nine months and is becoming popular. His efforts at leg-pulling different ringers in his 'Smart Aleck' language is an amusing feature of the paper. What stands out most is the work of the church bells in Australia, and that was the ambition of that little party that made the long trail out there some years ago, and to-day we must feel that their work is still in sacred keeping.

CHAS. TURNER. Dover.

Memorial to Mr. J. H. Riding

An interesting ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of the tower at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 10th, when a marble tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. Young, in memory of Mr. James Henry Riding.

Members of the family and friends present included Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Riding, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Riding, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bibby, Mr T V. Bibby, Misses E. M. and B. M. Riding, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. L. Chatterton, Mr. G. W. Talbot, Mrs. R. D. Langford, J. R. Holding and F. White.

'Touches' were rung before and after the dedication by the following Sunday service ringers: Richard T. Holding, William Holding, Harry F. Holding, George Packer (conductor), J. William Edge, G. Herbert Edge, 'Tom' W. Lamb, W. Frank Stenson, E. J. Holloway, Albert Crawley and Mr. Benjiman and Miss Mary E. Thorpe (Ashton-under-Lyne).

After the dedication the Vicar spoke of the loyalty of the ringers and said although he had not the pleasure of knowing Mr. Riding, the tablet showed what those who did know him thought of him. He much regretted the absence of the hon. secretary of the Crewe Branch and leader of the tower ringers, Mr. Richard D. Langford (through illness), a close personal friend of Mr. Riding.

Mr. Richard Holding voiced the sentiments of the ringers when he spoke highly of Mr. Riding's character and ability as a ringer. His ability was such that it took him into the best ringing company, the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was equally at home at a monthly meeting with beginners.

The tablet is of beautiful craftsmanship and was executed by Mr. R. Darlington, and bears the following inscription:—

Praise Him on the loud cymbals (Psalm 150, v. 5), commonly known as the Bellringers' Psalm. To the glory of God and in memory of James Henry Riding, born Jan. 6th, 1889, died June 19th, 1944. He was a Sunday service ringer in this tower for many years and a noted ringer throughout the country. He rang 471 peals, which included the following records:—

17,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 10 hours, at Over, on July 21st, 1923; 11,232 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, in 7 hours 10 minutes, at Bolton, on Jan. 29th, 1927; 15,312 changes of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, in 11 hours 33 minutes, at Ashton-under-Lyne, on Aug. 5th, 1929; also a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,007 changes, in 4 hours 3 minutes, on May 29th, 1937, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

RINGING MASTER AT 17

Youth came very much to the forefront at the annual meeting of the North Staffs Association, when Mr. Frederick William Grocott, aged 17 years, of the Bucknall St. Mary's tower, was elected Ringing Master.

He commenced ringing in June, 1943, under his father, and has rung in seven peals, two of which he has conducted. In one of the peals (Grandsire Doubles) he conducted the band was composed of ringers under 18 years.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The rules of the Association were revised recently and came into operation on January 1st. These provided for the establishment of three districts, viz., Northern, Eastern, and Southern.

Meetings were held to inaugurate the Eastern and Southern Districts at Dublin on December 6th and Waterford on December 26th respectively.

At the Dublin meeting, Miss A. C. Dukes was elected to act as chairman, and Messrs. T. W. W. Jones and D. Gibson as hon. secretary and treasurer respectively.

Mr. A. E. Harris is to act as chairman for the Southern District, with C. Galbraith and G. E. Jones as secretary and treasurer.

Essex Association

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. J. Crampion has resigned the secretaryship of the district. Several members spoke of his excellent work at the annual meeting at Brentwood on January 10th, when 50 members attended. Mention was also made of the work of Mrs. Crampion, who 'held the fort' while her husband was on active service.

Officers elected were: Mr. J. Chalk, District Master; Mr. G. J. Armstrong and Mr. G. Dawson, members of Association Committee; Mr. F. V. Gaut, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, hon. secretary.

Attention was drawn to the agenda at the Association's annual general meeting, which would include propositions to raise the subscription and to alter the date of the A.G.M.

Crusader meetings were fixed for the first Saturday in every month through the summer. Suggested towers for District and Crusader meetings were Barking, Chigwell Row, Fobbing, High Ongar, North Weald, Leytonstone, Rayleigh, Shenfield, Thorpe Bay, Waltham Abbey and Walthamstow.

Thanks to all concerned in making the meeting so successful were expressed by Mr. H. Shadrack (Chelmsford) and Mr. H. Mansfield (Maldon). There was an attendance of 50, the Vicar conducted the service, ringing, which ranged from Grandsire to London, was supervised by Mr. J. Chalk, and tea arrangements were by Mr. J. Sitch and Mr. A. Pryke.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A 'Christmassy' touch prevailed at the meeting of the Wirral Branch on December 20th at Bromborough. Following tea young parishioners entertained with carols and joined in hearty community singing.

Reported to the meeting was the success of the branch's first social at St. Hilary's Parish Hall, Wallasey, attended by over 200 members and friends, and the enterprise in chartering two double-deck buses to bring in visitors from outside was commended.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung by the Bebington band, the first to be rung for the branch by a Sunday service band, was commented upon. Messrs. W. Dean and J. Cooke were congratulated on their band's progress.

Ringing extended from rounds to London Surprise Major. The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Alan Price), who is a ringer, conducted the service.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY LANGLEY.

After an illness lasting several weeks, Mr. Harry Langley, of St. Thomas', Norbury, Cheshire, died on January 11th. He was a regular Sunday service ringer and his death is a sad loss to the ringer at St. Thomas'.

He had rung 51 peals for the Stockport and Bowdon branch, mostly Spliced Minor. Mr. Langley was equally at home on eight bells, having rung peals of London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge.

5,120 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed (September, 1947) by Nolan Golden.

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A—S1.2,3.4,S5.6.7.

Three times repeated. S for last bob at 1 in alternate parts.

Contains 6th the extent at course ends in 5-6 in the least number of courses.

Rung at Linton, Kent, Nov. 1st, 1947. Conductor, T. E. Sone.

QUARTER PEALS

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Jeynes 1, Miss R. M. Davies 2, R. Stephens 3, R. Alsop 4, J. Lewis 5, R. Hallet 6, J. Alsop (first quarter as cond.) 7, W. Thompsett 8.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: R. O. Street 1, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 2, J. Hutchison (first of Stedman Caters) 3, R. M. Preston 4, H. F. Sargent 5, L. Boumphrey 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 180 Oxford Treble Bob): W. E. Geary 1, T. E. Gardner 2, A. C. Dennis Dodson 3, Pte. S. R. Gardner 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, Pte. Derek Dodson 6. For silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. V. Gardner.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Newell 1, A. J. Wilson (first quarter as cond.) 2, W. Martin 3, C. Palmer 4, G. K. Smith 5, W. Wilby 6, G. D. Deighton 7, R. O. Blackwell (first quarter) 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—At Crosthwaite Parish Church on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Brownrigg (first quarter in method) 1, Miss M. D. Telford 2, R. Grisdale 3, S. Grisdale 4, B. Price 5, C. W. Woolley 6, T. Hogarth (cond.) 7, F. Barnes 8. First quarter 3 and 4.

LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, F. I. Eaton 2, Miss E. Hall 3, J. R. Ball 4, L. Hall 5, R. J. Edden 6, H. C. Burt (cond.) 7, W. D. Whitehead 8.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Andrews (88th birthday) 1, G. Brown 2, A. Mitchell 3, John Holloway 4, James Holloway (cond.) 5, A. Andrews 6.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, B. Grice 2, O. Pearson 3, A. Grice 4, H. Wood 5, E. Fletcher 6, G. Swallow (cond.) 7, G. Fletcher 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples with half-muffled clappers: L. Duguid 1, Miss H. Dale 2, Miss C. Burbidge 3, F. Bishop (Swanage) 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, Rev. E. E. Curtis 8. First quarter of Grandsire, 1, 2, 3, 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. H. Morton 1, J. Watkin 2, A. Morton 3, S. Thorpe 4, T. Watkin 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. First quarter in method 1 and 2.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Antelope and Grandsire): Miss R. E. Donelly 1, R. S. Rowe 2, N. G. Robinson 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, J. Duncan 5, E. W. Wright 6. First quarter in more than three methods by all.

ST. MELLONS, CARDIFF.—On Dec. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Geo. Monk (73) 1, G. Chouls 2, Miss Dillys Hulbert (first quarter) 3, L. Hulbert 4, R. Addis 5, J. R. Worrall (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Margaret Bishop (first quarter) 1, F. Precey 2, Mrs. R. Anderton 3, P. Foote 4, G. F. Haysom 5, Dr. A. Cunningham 6, F. Price (first quarter as cond.) 7, A. J. Clarke 8.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4.6.8 covering): R. Myhill 1, Miss M. Cosgrove 2, J. Igglesden 3, A. Matthews 4, C. Taylor 5, L. Blake 6, J. Weller (cond.) 7, J. Brunsdon 8. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—At St. Aidan's on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Dobson 1, T. W. Dobson 2, T. Cooke 3, Miss Longstaff 4, G. Dalton 5, J. W. Addison 6, E. Hudson (cond.) 7, D. Fawcett 8. First quarter 1, 2, 8.

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BIRTH

ALLEN.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, 1947, at Wyberton West Nursing Home, Boston, to Sylvia, wife of John E. Allen, a daughter (Jennifer Sylvia). 2948

DEATH

LAWRENCE. — At The Bungalow, Green End, Little Munden, William H. Lawrence, after a long illness very bravely borne, was called to higher service, aged 73. 2976

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On Jan. 19th, Norman V. Harding is leaving Windsor, and his new address will be Wynncroft, Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 2951

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

A masterpiece in research into the art of change ringing, 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d., post free. — 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH.' — No copies left, owing to phenomenal sales. Please await new and improved edition.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 52, The Close, Norwich. 2954

NOTICE

I wish to give notice that I shall propose, at the Annual Meeting at Spalding, that Rule 1, of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, read as follows: 'The branch shall be under the direction of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Ringing Master, and a Committee consisting of the Captains of each tower in union with the Guild. Five shall suffice to form a quorum.'—A. J. Farr, Spalding. 2950

WANTED

One copy each of 'Stedman,' by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and 'Grandsire,' by W. Snowdon —both in the Jasper Snowdon series. Copies must be complete and in good condition. State price.—Box 2952, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. — B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 2909

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 2927

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Meeting at Dorchester, Oxon, 8 bells, Saturday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. 2938

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Jan. 24th, Chalfont St. Peter. Bells 6 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Slough 23260. 2943

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2942

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m., St. Peter's (8), Fordington St. George (6). Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 2921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery. — Annual, Bridgwater, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2924

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Benington (6), Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, Parish Hall, 5. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 2947

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. St. Peter's bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 17th. Subscriptions due 1948. Names for tea by Jan. 24th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (2s.) and business meeting at Newnham Guest House, near church, at 5 p.m. Notify for tea before Thursday, Jan. 29th. — G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2920

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business 5. Service 6.—T. J. Lock, District Secretary. 2923

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Burbage, Jan. 31st. Ringing 2.30. Meeting in 'hut,' Grove Road, 5.40, followed by hot supper 7, and social evening 8 to 11.30. Names for (a) supper, 4s. 6d. each, (b) bus home by Jan. 26th, with remittance, to Mr. E. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road Hinckley. 2940

LADIES' GUILD and LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Pudsey, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, by Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Business meetings to follow tea.—Mrs. D. E. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secretaries. 2937

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's bells also available. Tea for those who notify by 29th.—J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 2934

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket (6) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Will all those interested in the appointment of a District Secretary for this district please attend? Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by 28th, at 5 p.m., Lakeman's Cafe. —A. Gillings, Acting Dis. Sec., Horringer. 2931

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3 p.m. onwards. Own tea arrangements. Cafes in town.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2930

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Jan. 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 27th, please. Christ Church (10) available in the evening.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 2929

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 31st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, by Jan. 27th. 2928

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Doncaster 2.30 p.m. on Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Jan. 27th to Mr. C. Toyne, 21, Armitage Road, Balby, Doncaster. — W. E. Critchley 2957

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual, Grantham (10), Jan. 31st. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. at the Angel Hotel for only those who notify me by Monday, Jan. 26th.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford. 2959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Penge, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Please note, tea at 4.30 p.m., service after. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by Tuesday, 27th, to Mr. D. G. Brown, 15, Mosslea Road, Penge, S.E.20.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2960

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Holy Sepulchre, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Names for tea, please.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue, Northampton. 2958

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at New Buckenham on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify me by 27th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 2946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Annual meeting, Norbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 2965

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting Tiverton, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 2966

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Jan. 31st, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. Names for tea to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, by Jan. 28th. 2968

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray, Jan. 31st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Bartram, 55, Kings Road, by 28th. 2969

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea direct to V. Burt, 4, Hesketh Terrace, Towcester.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec. 2970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Annual branch meeting at Bolton Parish on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 2963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Next meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells from 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 2974

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31st, Witton. Tea provided. Names to A. Johnson, Elston, King Street, Rudheatt, Northwich, Cheshire, before Jan. 28th. — D. C. Osborn, Hon. Sec. 2973

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Special committee meeting, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 4 p.m. Important business.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. General Sec. 2975

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Saturday, Jan. 31st, Highgate 2.30 to 3.30, Hampstead 3.45 to 4.45, Gospel Oak 6 to 7. Names for tea by 28th to P. R. Blackman (Hon. Sec.), c/o Imperial College Union, Prince Consort Road, S.W.7. 2977

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual Meeting, Spalding, Feb. 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Spalding, by Jan. 31st. 2949

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Tea at Duke's Head, 4.30. Numbers for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 4th.—A. H. Smith. 2978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 2955

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery.—Annual, Martock, Feb. 7th. Service, 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2972

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Church Room near church. Names for tea by Monday, Feb. 2nd, to Mrs. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford. 2953

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 p.m. Tea, Ward's Cafe, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting in St. Chad's ringing chamber 6 p.m., followed by ringing (12) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—E. D. Poole. 2971

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield (6) 3.30 p.m., Feb 7th. Tea. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 2981

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Selsindge (6), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 3rd to T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2962

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, without fail, to Mr. R. H. Begrie, 27, Halsbury House, Loraine Estate, Holloway, N.7, by Feb. 4th.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 2961

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting Feb. 7th, Southwark. Ringing, Cathedral (12) and St. George-the-Martyr (8), 3 to 4.30. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell contest 5.45 in Chapter House. Further ringing Cathedral in evening. Names for tea early, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2980

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Handsworth (8), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9, by Feb. 4th.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2967

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. D. Sherratt, 7, Roberts Avenue, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2982

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — North Forest Branch. — Meeting, Westbury-on-Severn (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 10th.—A. J. Gibson, Byeways, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. 2956

MANCHESTER.—Christ Church, West Didsbury.—Practice, Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., Sundays 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Quarter-peals arranged. — H. Ludkin, 16, Spinney Road, Northenden, Manchester. 2964

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — The district secretary now has available cards giving the place and date of meetings for the district to be held in 1948. Send 3½d. and stamped addressed envelope to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 2983

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On Dec. 25th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Skidmore 1, Miss M. Bennett 2, E. J. Ridler 3, F. Sampson 4, R. G. Hooper (first as conductor) 5, V. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker 7, J. Cox (aged 82) 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. A. Chown 1, E. Furniss 2, W. J. Bailey 3, T. Clare 4, W. C. Moore 5, P. Abbott 6, L. Greenhow (cond.) 7, E. Abbott 8.

POOLE. — On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Thompson, H. C. Baverstock, I. P. Davis, A. R. Macdonald, W. Hendy (first quarter as cond.), W. Houlton, A. G. Rose, H. P. Davis.

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GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

ARISING out of the Christmas Quiz, 'The Ringing World' has received a number of interesting letters. At the same time we have had requests for elementary expositions which would be helpful to young conductors Question No. 2, 'What method can be called into Rounds with one call?' was perhaps unhappily phrased. It would have been nearer to what 'Kewsett' had in view if it had read: 'Starting from Rounds, what method can be called with Rounds with only one call?'

'Kewsett' was taken to task by Mr. A. J. Corrigan, of Bitton, near Bristol, whose interesting treatise on Grandsire Doubles will, we feel sure, be helpful to inexperienced conductors. He writes:—

Grandsire Doubles may be called round from any position by a single call, though it should be observed that it is sometimes quicker to make two calls. The procedure is as shown below:—

With 2 in the hunt: if 5 is after 4 the bells are in the plain course; if not call 3 in with a single—R at 2*.

With 3 in the hunt: if 4 is after 5 the bells are in the handstroke position and will run round; if not call 2 in with a single—R at 2.

With 4 in the hunt: call 2 in with bob or single as required when she is in front with 3—R at once.

With 5 in the hunt: if 2-4 are in front call 2 in at once with bob or single as required—R at 1. If 2 is with 3 **do not call her in with a bob;** if a single puts her in the hunt call it straight away, otherwise call her in with a single next lead. To recapitulate: when 5 is in the hunt call a bob on 421; single on 231*, 241; **no call** on 321.

Callings marked * come round at hand. The aspiring conductor should make himself familiar with the handstroke position, particularly since in it the observation bells are 2 and 4, a fact that enables him to infuse some welcome variety into service-ringing and also peals. For the ringers of 3 and 5 the monotony of the observation work can become intolerable if not shared by the other working bells. To bring up the handstroke position (13254) from the normal rounds call singles at the first two leads. Remember, however, that your 120 must not have a single at the last lead, or rounds may turn up as early as halfway.

To divide the observation work equally over 2, 3, 4, 5 in a peal the simplest procedure is to incorporate Morris' 240 in the 5040. In this composition there are singles at each of the first two leads, bringing up 3254. From this point call the ten six-scores twice over, and then call the remainder of the 240. Add the rest of the six-scores on 3 and 5 to complete the peal. Be sure you explain to the band what you are going to do—otherwise some other aspiring conductor may upset everything by setting his bell when rounds appears to come up in the wrong place!

TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¼ cwt

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	7
STAFFORD H. GREEN	2	REGINALD W. REX	8
ALBERT DISERENS	3	EDGAR HUMFREY	9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	4	ALAN R. PINK	10
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6	PERCY J. DYKE	*Tenor*

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

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*P. MICHAEL FREEMAN	*Treble*	HERBERT LOWMAN	7
JOHN A. FREEMAN	2	†RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	8
JOHN FREEMAN	3	KENNETH W. MAYER	9
MADELINE M. LYON	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
KENNETH S. B. CROFT	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
CYRIL WARD	6	RAYMOND F. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method, first on 12 bells and first on tower bells.
† First peal in the method and first on 12 bells. Tenor 24 cwt.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES HIGGINS	*Treble*	*EDWIN G. MOORE	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	H. PETER RAYNOR	8
MARIE R. CROSS	3	WILLIAM C. PORTER	9
*MARGARET L. TUTT	4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	10
*CHARLES COLES	5	NEIL I. ALLNATT	11
PHILIP WALKER	6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35¾ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE	*Treble*	*FRANK REED	6
KATHLEEN HIGGINS	2	GORDON BENFIELD	7
*PETER WOODWARD	3	*ERNEST J. PADGETT	8
*MARY LINGARD	4	FREDK. SEAGER	9
ERNEST H. RAYNOR	5	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
* First peal of Royal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	*JOHN THOMPSON	7
*JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	*HARRY HARRIS	8
†MISS M. BEAMISH (12)	4	JAMES F. CLARKE	9
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	5	*JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

*SYLVIA R. F. PIPE	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. ANDREWS	6
HOBART E. SMITH	2	*FRANK FISHER	7
WM. J. G. BROWN	3	CECIL W. PIPE	8
*HARRY D. LISTER	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	9
GEORGE A. FLEMING	5	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor 32 cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GORDON HENSHAW	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
ARTHUR CHALLINOR	2	*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	CHARLES W. LAWTON	8
†JUNE HENSHAW	4	JOHN WORTH	9
MRS. C. W. LAWTON	5	‡JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild. First peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

FREDK. G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ROYSTON G. BRYANT	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER	7
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	RAYMOND C. SEAGER	8
*ALBERT M. TYLER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN	*Treble*	DORIS E. COLGATE	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	6
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	†FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Major. † 200th peal. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. LYDDIARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	GEORGE H. CROSS	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	PERCY J. SPICE	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	GEORGE H. DAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.
Conductor's 500th peal. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*E. JOAN SALMONS	2	REGINALD A. REED	6
ALBERT DISERENS	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
*TOM PAGE	4	ERNEST F. SALMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

DAVID H. ELLIOT	*Treble*	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
GEORGE W. MOSS	2	ARCHIE A. FITCH	6
*WALTER SCOTT	3	ARTHUR HAYNES	7
HARRY J. MILLATT	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	CECIL A. THOMPSON	5
ERNEST C. STAFF	2	THOMAS SIMMONS	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
GEORGE W. HOWLETT	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN POUNDS	5
JAMES TAYLOR	2	RONALD KENRICK ...	6
JOHN LUNHAM	3	JAMES MARSH	7
*MISS M. E. RIDYARD...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

WILLIAM P. DEANE	*Treble*	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ...	5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	2	NEVELLE HOLLAND ...	6
ARTHUR PEAKE	3	ALAN D. STEEL	7
GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal in the method.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER LYCETT ...	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
HOWARD HOWELL ...	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
WILLIAM H. TYLER ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. R. F. ROUTH	*Treble*	ANDREW I. PEARMAIN...	5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	2	JOHN V. DAVIS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	†ARTHUR V. DAVIS ...	7
*ROBERT A. ROUTH ...	4	BRUCE B. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal. † 150th peal.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 26 cwt.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE...	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. WALDRON...	5
*GEORGE BUSH	2	HERBERT GOAKES	6
WILLIAM ROSE	3	GEORGE W. JEFFS ...	7
WALTER COPPERWHEAT...	4	*ERNEST WARNER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

DONALD FRASER ...	*Treble*	STANLEY WEBB	5
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ...	2	†ALWYN E. A. SMITH...	6
*OLIVE J. OSLER	3	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...	7
†CHARLES OSLER	4	‡CHARLES W. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. W. MUNDAY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF SAWSTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

CLIFFORD BIRD ...	*Treble*	RUSSELL W. CURSON ...	5
JACK KING	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	WILLIAM CLOVER ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Presumably the first peal in the method. Rung with 4th's place bobs.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G flat.

ERNEST THORLEY ...	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ...	6
THOMAS D. LEASK ...	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	7
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ...	4	CHARLES THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ...	*Treble*	*FRANK J. MAUDE	5
RICHARD BENSON	2	WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ...	3	RONALD EDWARDS ...	7
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	4	FRANK REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.
* First peal.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat, Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*CYRIL WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DENYER ...	5
RAYMOND CLIST	2	PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE...	6
†MRS. EDNA DENYER ...	3	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ...	7
‡G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	4	CHARLES W. DENYER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CHAS. W. DENYER.
* First peal. † First peal on eight. ‡ First of Major 'inside.'

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN JACKSON	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ...	6
*WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	3	*JAMES BLACKBURN ...	7
JOHN CHARNOCK	4	ARTHUR HATCH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam William Sharples, branch chairman for many years.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, at 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE ...	5
JOHN A. GREEN	2	†GEORGE M. COOPER ...	6
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ...	3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ...	7
WILLIAM YATES	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. ROBERTS.
* First peal. † First of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
*EDWIN G. BUCK ...	2	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ...	3	ALBERT WIFFIN	7
†GEORGE TRENDELL ...	4	WALTER ARNOLD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*GEORGE W. BISHOP	*Treble*	EDWARD R. ROBEY ...	5
ROBERT B. BLOND ...	2	*HENRY L. BISHOP ...	6
*JAMES GORDON	3	*BERTRAM L. J. BROWN	7
*HENRY K. WHITE	4	ALFRED H. WEBB ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal of Major by local band. Tenor 22 cwt.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*LESLIE S. BAINES	*Treble*	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
†OLIVE M. MARTIN ...	2	‡TERENCE G. MORTON ...	6
*DEREK E. LATCHFORD ...	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ...	7
‡PAMELA A. MARTIN ...	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM DIXON ...	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
ARNOLD HILL	4	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 17 cwt.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Bristol on the bells. A farewell peal for the Vicar, Canon L. C. Davies. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. L. E. RIVERS	*Treble*	JOHN H. BAYLISS	5
†LESLIE E. RIVERS ...	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	6
‡WILLIAM SALT	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
GERALD L. BALL	4	*JOSEPH CHAPMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 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 12½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ...	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	2	CHARLES L. SADLER ...	6
DAVID H. BENNETT ...	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7
JOHN J. WEBB	4	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Fiftieth anniversary of first peal on bells, in which C. L. Sadler participated.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	5
DAVID LAMB	2	*ALBERT BRIDGES	6
JESSE HARRISON	3	WILFRED EDWARDS ...	7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by KATHLEEN FLETCHER.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

EDWIN G. MOORE ...	*Treble*	PHILIP WALKER	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS...	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	CHARLES COLES	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

VERNON SYKES ...	*Treble*	FRED MELLOR	5
LILIAN M. DARE	2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ...	6
IVAN KAY	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ...	4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WORSLEY (No. 4318).
Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
In memoriam Mr. Frank Lawton, for 45 years service ringer at this church. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	6
JOHN E. SPICE	3	JOHN W. UNWIN	7
DORIS G. DOBBIE	4	BETTY SPICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. No. 74) Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev H. Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ...	5
JANET MATTINSON	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	WM. H. INWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS JOYCE HEARN	*Treble*	MISS FREDA D. MURKITT	5
*MISS GWEN MURKITT ...	2	MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD	6
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	3	GORDON W. LIMMER ...	7
MISS MARY PEMBERTON	4	GEORGE GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal 'inside.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD G. JENNEY	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	3	WILLIAM J. ROOT	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS JOAN NEWMAN (16)	*Treble*	JAMES G. NEWMAN ...	5
†DAVID BEARD (15) ...	2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	6
ALBERT W. BEARD ...	3	HERBERT C. HILLYARD...	7
HAROLD BURROWS ...	4	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER SHAW ...	*Treble*	JACK BAILEY	5
R. GEORGE BASSON ...	2	ALFRED MOULD	6
KEITH HUDSTON	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	7
JOHN W. GLEW	4	†WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.
* First peal away from the tenor. † 50th peal.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*DAVID DIAMOND	*Treble*	CHARLES W. DENYER	5
†MRS. EDNA DENYER	2	THOMAS E. DENYER	6
†CYRIL WILLIAMSON	3	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	7
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	4	*HARRY WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. VIGGERS.
* First peal. † First in the method. First of Grandsire as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

IGHTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's, ten callings. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MRS. S. B. MARCHANT	*Treble*	*SYDNEY WHITEWAY	4
*ANTHONY V. KEMP (15)	2	REGINALD L. SILLS (16)	5
†EDNA M. SILLS (14)	3	*SIDNEY KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Single and Double Court (combined) and 720 each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.
First in eight methods as conductor.
More Peals on page 51.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DOUGLAS BELLAMY	*Treble*	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER	4
*REGINALD STONE	2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR	5
RAYMOND WINTER	3	HARRY COMMINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*GEO. H. DERRINGTON	*Treble*	F. ALBERT REA	4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5
HAROLD WILLETT	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DOUGLAS P. WITT	*Treble*	HAROLD THORNE	4
†JOHN MATTHEWS	2	WILLIAM WARREN	5
ARTHUR H. REED	3	SAMUEL PYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES BLAIN	*Treble*	*A. LESLIE MARDLIN	4
*MIRIAM F. PETTITT	2	C. HENRY HARDING	5
*LIONEL J. CLARKE	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George Care, of Brafield, Northants, will regard 1947 as a vintage year. During the 12 months he conducted his first peals of Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples for the Peterborough Guild. Also peals on all numbers of bells from five to ten.

Mr. E. Peter Rock has 'circled' Eardisland tower, Herefordshire.

Standing side by side, Donald G. Clift and Albert M. Tyler rang their 25th peal together at St. Mary Redcliffe on December 31st.

Mr. Burley P. Morris left the treble to last when he completed the circle of Weekley, Northants, with a peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. Kilby R. Holtom believes that the peal he called at Badby, Northants, was the first of Doubles on the bells. Any corrections?

Mr. E. G. Foster, tower captain of St. Laurence's, Reading, had his 70th birthday honoured by Stedman Cinques in his own tower.

Mr. John A. Freeman has conducted a peal from each bell in St. Hugh's tower of Lincoln Cathedral.

All the band which rang the New Year's Eve peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford are service ringers of the Cathedral.

Congratulations to the secretary of the Irish Association on reaching his objective of ringing his 25th peal before the end of 1947.

The fiftieth anniversary of the first peal at Clifford, Herefordshire, was recalled by the peal on December 27th. Participating was Mr. C. L. Sadler, who rang in the first peal. This was his 150th tower-bell peal.

Chilvers Coton, now that they have ten bells, almost weekly add to their list of firsts. The Stedman Caters on December 27th was first in the method on the bells and by the conductor. It was also Mr. John E. S. Moreton's 50th peal for the Guild.

Engagement peals are popular. Affianced at Rotherham are Miss Edna F. Bedford and Mr. Ralph G. Edwards, the peal in their honour being Cambridge Surprise Royal. From Aldershot comes the engagement of Miss Jean Whelan (Ash) and Mr. Thomas E. Denyer, which was said with Bob Major.

Mr. 'Delight' Viggers has now circled the tower of St. Michael's, Aldershot.

Mr. John Dunkley, of St. John the Baptist's, Kingsthorpe, Northants, has completed 60 years as a ringing member of the same church.

The Misses Dorothy R. and Kathleen E. Fletcher have rung 100 peals together. Can any others give an equal example of sisterly affection?

Veteran Oxford ringer, Mr. William H. B. Wilkins, passed his 77th milestone with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. And many more, sir!

Enderby, Leicestershire, had four local ringers in the peal recorded in this issue, an unprecedented event. Justification was that it was the wedding anniversary of four of the band—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rivers (16 years), Mr. J. H. Baylis (7 years) and Mr. A. Ballard (12 years). Mr. and Mrs. Rivers were the hosts to the subsequent celebrations.

Having heard that the band was one short, Mr. G. Basson left the social he was attending to ring the New Year's Eve peal at Derby. He had not rung a peal for 36 years! The peal was also for the golden wedding of Mr. H. Fletcher and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Glew, Ringing Master.

The centenary of the installation of the bells at Coseley, Staffordshire, was marked by the first peal of Doubles on the bells and by all the band with the exception of the conductor. It was also the first peal by a local band for 20 years. We await the next performance.

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LETTERS

Essex Peal Deletions

Dear Sir,—Re the letter 'Peal Deletions by Essex Association,' Mr. Jennings is wrong in his statement. The Essex Association are only withdrawing Grandsire Triples at Halstead, June 28th; Minor in four methods on handbells at Sible Hedingham, July 8th; and Minor in three methods at Rayne on August 26th, conducted by him. The peal of Grandsire at Sible Hedingham, July 12th, conforms with the rules, i.e., that all the band were members. Mr. E. W. Pye did not stand in the latter peal.

As Mr. Pye resigned his membership of the Essex Association on Whit Monday, 1947, I fail to see why Mr. Jennings is surprised and indignant at the decision of the committee not to accept the peals in question.

It will be noticed, by looking in 'The Ringing Worlds' of 1947, that Mr. Pye conducted several handbell peals. Before Whit Monday these were all for the Essex Association, after that date for the Suffolk Guild. This surely is proof that Mr. Pye was fully aware of the situation, and yet Mr. Jennings continued to conduct peals for the Essex Association with Mr. Pye as one of his band.

As for his accusations regarding peals of Superlative and Bristol, I would advise Mr. Jennings to read his 'Ringing World' more thoroughly before making statements in the Press. The 5,376 of Superlative at Bocking was withdrawn; see 'The Ringing World,' March 7th, 1947.

The peal of Bristol at Dunmow was rung in 1939, years before Mr. Jennings came to this part of Essex. It is obvious then that he is quoting from hearsay, and hearsay can be very mischievous. Actually a trip occurred within the last ten changes, and the two bells concerned did not recover sufficiently to come cleanly into rounds. Apart from this trip, the peal was an excellent one. I am sure Mr. Jennings has recorded peals, with trips on equal terms with the one in question, which have occurred in the peal. Therefore, sir, if a trip or trips can be allowed in the peal, why not at the start or the end?

Halstead, Essex. HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

'THE WRINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—May I point out to Mr. Jennings that the title of our paper is not 'The Wringing World,' and hence should not be used for the washing of dirty linen in public? —Yours faithfully, DENIS A. BAYLES.

9, Approach Road, St. Albans, Herts.

GRUNDISBURGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—My Christmas campaign to raise money for the restoration of our bells was a great success, thanks to the help I received from ringers all over the country and to whom I am more than grateful.

The order of the prizes won is as follows: 1 Miss M. Mitchell, 12, Darford Lane, Solihull; 2 Mrs. Janet Canham, 56, Back Hamlet, Ipswich; 3 Miss R. Preastner, 56, High Street, Wickham Market; 4 Mrs. A. A. McGuiness, 124, Carholme Road, Lincoln; 5 Mr. F. Whitred, 10, Westholme Road, Ipswich; 6 Miss F. Savage, Highbury House, Hitchin; 7 Miss A. Bailey, 59, Charmouth Road, St. Albans; 8 Mrs. A. Parnell, 68, Devonshire Road, Ipswich; 9 Miss M. Crowe, Worlingworth; 10 Mr. A. Smith, 40, Brookfield Road, Ipswich; 11 Miss P. H. Power, 6, Bury Road, Mildenhall; 12 Mr. J. Lukin, London Airport; 13 Mr. R. Wallis, Castle Hedingham; 14 Miss M. Barton, Tendring, Essex; 15 Mrs. F. Roberts, 43, Woodville Road, Ipswich.

Several hundred pounds are still required to complete the work and I shall be very grateful to receive donations to help this great undertaking in a small village, which has given generously, but cannot raise the amount required without outside help.

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

St. Martin's Guild

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

In the club room of the Tamworth Arms, now historic as a meeting place for ringers, the annual meeting took place on January 3rd. Amongst those present, in addition to the chairman and secretary, were Albert Walker, George Swann, Harry Withers, Morris J. Morris, W. C. Dowding, E. T. Allaway, F. W. Rishworth, W. T. Froggatt, Edgar Shepherd, F. W. Pervin; and to these it was easy to conjure up shades of such old worthies as John Day, Harry Bastable, John Carter, W. H. Godden, Sam Reeves, Rock Small, Jim Groves, J. S. Pritchett, etc., who used to be present in this room at annual meetings 30, 40 and 50 years ago. It was particularly noticeable the large proportion of young members present, and amongst them some very clever ringers. There were several notable absentees, including Messrs. James George, who sent hearty greetings from Parkstone, J. H. Shepherd (Swindon, absent through illness), F. W. Perrins, Roland Bragg (Solihull), D. T. Matkin and Fred Price, who are now resident in Bournemouth, and G. H. Williams (Harborne).

The quarterly business was quickly disposed of. The following new members were duly elected: G. A. Tudge (Erdington), A. W. Cleaver (Solihull), I. D. Halls (Great Baddow). The first meeting was fixed for Aston, and bi-quarterly meeting at the Cathedral Church, Birmingham.

Mr. Harry Withers reported that he visited Heydour on October 4th to listen to the record peal of London Surprise Major, and that it was a really good performance.

The treasurer, in presenting the annual accounts, pointed out that they had only just managed to finish on the right side, and then only with the assistance of income from investments. There had been several items of expenditure which would not recur, but he would remind members that there would be a big bill to pay for peal booking later on; this work was far in arrears, but the writer was now engaged on the work. The accounts could be considered satisfactory.

Although there was some competition for several offices, all the officers were duly re-elected as follows: Master, Councillor Paddon Smith; Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Fearn; trustees, Councillor Paddon Smith and E. T. Allaway; auditors, H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

In connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, to be held on March 6th, it was agreed to invite the Rector of St. Martin's to take the chair and to leave the other arrangements in the hands of the secretary.

YOUTHFUL MASTERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your comments in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' on 'Youthful Ringing Masters,' in this connection may I say that I was elected Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association when 19 years of age. At the same meeting I was chosen as one of the association's Central Council representatives for a period of three years. I have often wondered if this constitutes a record as being the youngest ringer to be accorded these dual honours simultaneously.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

21, The Chine, Stapleton, Bristol.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Sir,—I attended the Rochester District meeting of the Kent County Association at Rainham when the minutes came to the election of new members, who, to my knowledge, could not ring 120 changes. Our general secretary showed me Rule 5, which allows anybody, even if they only can chime a bell, to become a member. To my way of thinking no one should become a member of an association until he can ring 120 changes on tower or handbells.—

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A membership of 14 honorary and 100 ringing members was reported at the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District at Alverstoke on January 17th. Four valued members had died.

The retiring officers were re-elected, and Mrs. Bayley, an honorary member, was elected a life member. One honorary and two ringing members were elected.

After a lengthy discussion, a resolution in favour of raising the annual subscription from 2s. to 2s. 6d. was passed for submission to the Guild Executive Committee.

A letter was read from the captain of the Havant band proposing to resign from the Guild. The secretary (Mr. John H. Hunt) was requested to write to the Rector of Havant stating that the Guild deplored the decision of Havant members to leave the Guild and asking him to meet his ringers and discuss the matter with them.

The suggestion of a combined meeting with the Southampton District on August Bank Holiday at Bishop's Waltham, Shedfield and Curdridge was carried.

There was an attendance of 42 and the ringing included Bristol and London Surprise.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A membership of 113 was reported at the annual meeting of the Southampton District at St. Michael's, Southampton, on January 10th. Canon Spencer-Leeson was elected district chairman and other officers re-elected.

It was announced that the work of installing two more bells at St. Michael's, Southampton, to make a ring of ten, would be commenced immediately by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and that the two new bells would be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on February 12th at 7.30 p.m. Work on the tower of St. Mary's, Southampton, was reported to be in an advanced stage, and it was hoped that this ring of ten would be installed and opened during 1948. The contract has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The proposal to increase the Guild subscription was discussed, and it was decided to recommend to the general meeting that districts should pay a greater percentage to the Central Fund.

District meetings provisionally arranged are: North Stoneham, Feb. 28th; Fawley, May 20th; Bishop's Waltham, etc., August Bank Holiday (with Portsmouth District); and Lockerley, Aug. 28th.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH.

That all towers in the district are now affiliated to the Guild and have sufficient members at each of them to ring the bells regularly for Sunday service was the satisfactory report presented at the annual meeting of the branch on January 10th, attended by 60 members. There are now 131 ringing members.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. M. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. V. Davis; Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Cheater; representatives to Guild Committee, Mrs. Marshallsay and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh. The Rev. Routh was also appointed Deputy Ringing Master. Mr. A. N. Woolff consented to continue as auditor. Ringing and the service took place at the Priory Church, Christchurch. The Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Paice) presided at the meeting.

It is hoped that the good position in the district will be consolidated and that the standard of change ringing will improve still more. The handbell section should progress with the help of Messrs. D. Matkin and Fred Price.

Although the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 6th comes under the Ministry of Food Restriction Order, a licence for an increased number will be granted. It is, however, particularly important that an early application should be made for tickets.

Selby and District Society

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

Progress was reported at the second annual meeting of the Society at Selby on January 10th, when most towers in the area were represented.

Ringing on the ten bells of the Abbey was followed by Evensong, conducted by the Vicar of Selby, who is president of the Society. Canon Pascoe, of Snaith-with-Carlton, gave the address.

The president was in the chair at the meeting at Hawdon Institute, when a membership of 104 (102 ringing members), a net increase of 26, was reported. Three new towers were added—Thorne with a ring of eight and two new rings of six at Carlton and Kippax. On Whit Monday the first annual ringing tour in North Lincolnshire was held.

The first peal was scored for the Society on the new bells at Carlton, followed by one each at Eastrington and Barnby Don and two at Thorne.

Thanking the officials and members for their loyal support, the hon. secretary made special mention of the services of Mr. F. Terry, the enthusiastic Ringing Master.

An offer by the president to meet the cost of a peal record book was accepted with gratitude, Mr. N. Lofthouse expressing thanks.

The Archbishop of York and the Bishops of Ripon, Sheffield and Selby are to be asked to become patrons of the Society, which embraces towers in both Ripon and Sheffield Dioceses.

The Vicar of Selby was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Terry; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Foster; committee, chairman, ringing master, secretary and Mr. J. Taylor (Goole) and Mr. E. Bradley (Sherburn). A second ringing tour is to be held on Whit Monday.

Three months' notice of motion to increase the subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. was given by Mr. C. Hill (Goole).

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Following the meeting, the whole company adjourned to the Londesborough Arms Hotel for the annual dinner, the first to be arranged by the Society, when 55 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast. After the toast 'The King,' the president welcomed the company expressed his interest in ringing.

The toast, 'The Church and Clergy,' was proposed by the guest of the evening, Mr. W. Hartley, organist and master of the choristers at Selby Abbey. Canon Pascoe replied and referred to the days of his previous ministry at Carlton, when they only had three bells, which could be rung by one man. Now, thanks to the ringers of Goole, Thorne and Selby, there were enough ringers for two bands of six for the new bells, a truly great achievement.

Canon Rawlins, of Goole, proposed the toast of 'The Society,' saying that certain 'bells' were a source of trouble to him, but he did not include tower bells in this category. He thought the Society was doing a good job and it gave him great pleasure to propose the health and success of the Society. The Society's chairman replied thanking Canon Rawlins for his remarks and recalling how the Society was founded two years ago.

During the evening the president, on behalf of the members, presented an envelope containing £4 17s. to Canon Pascoe. This amount represented the total collections taken at meetings throughout 1947.

An enjoyable day was concluded with a selection of Christmas carols on handbells by the Selby Abbey ringers, followed by courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,947 Doubles (27 Stedman, 240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 1,200 Grandsire): Miss V. Wallis (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Jordan 2, P. C. Wright (cond.) 3, F. P. Wright 4, C. F. Mills 5, R. Cripps (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BELGRAVE, LEICS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. D. Linch (first of Triples) 1, C. Castleman 2, Mrs. Willson 3, J. Udale 4, P. Smith 5, R. Barrow 6. A. Skinner (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bedford 1, P. Tomkins 2, T. Thomas (cond.) 3, J. Clements 4, W. Watkins 5, G. Corbett 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCS. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Russell 1, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 2, J. Attwood 3, T. Miles 4, E. Cook 5, F. Trenfield 6. First quarter 5 and 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS. — On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Chapman 1, Vela Tysoe (first quarter) 2, F. Tysoe 3, R. Sharp 4, C. E. Jeffries (conductor) 5, A. C. Sinfield 6, C. H. Harding 7, B. Sims 8.

BOXLEY, KENT. — On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bush 1, Jean Burton 2, W. Gosling (cond.) 3, F. Boorman 4, H. Gosling 5, H. Town 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bowden 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, A. J. Bartlett 3, A. E. Brown 4, W. Trussler 5, H. Mullard 6, E. T. Lee (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cooper 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON. — On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Tyers 1, D. Martin 2, J. Rea 3, R. Clark 4, W. Brainch (cond.) 5, L. Piper 6. First for 1, 4 and 6. First quarter by local band for 23 years.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Bob Major: S. Kelly 1, D. G. Blows 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, C. Wright (first quarter) 4, G. Playle 5, R. J. Funnell 6, J. Armstrong 7, A. C. Chaplin (cond.) 8.

EXETER.—At St. David's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Kingdom 1, H. Spicer 2, T. G. Bartlett 3, A. W. Searle 4, W. S. Lethbridge (cond.) 5, E. Rowe 6, W. Howe 7, G. Burrows 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. Eastwell 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, A. R. Gale 3, W. Eastwell 4, A. Birch 5, D. Pearce 6, W. Henley (cond.) 7, J. Alley 8. First quarter in method by all except the conductor.

FULHAM, LONDON. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Caters: W. J. Paice (cond.) 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Stephenson 3, G. Allsop 4, W. Langdon 5, J. Sanson 6, J. F. Smallwood 7, J. Chilcott 8, H. M. Page 9, R. Woodard (first quarter) 10.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. M. Stepney (12) (first in method) 1, E. G. D. Tonkin (14) (first inside) 2, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 3, G. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, A. Ellis 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At St. John's on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne A. Bird (first quarter, aged 14) 1, T. G. Bannister 2, P. E. Jones 3, F. Blondell 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, W. N. Genna 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, W. H. Coles 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. J. Freer (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle (first inside) 3, E. W. Furbanks 4, J. G. Nash 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8.

KINGSTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 28th, quarter-peal Plain Bob Major: Miss Barbara Harris (first of Major) 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, G. C. Goodman 3, H. W. Barrett 4, H. J. Eldred 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6, A. L. Simmonds 7, H. G. Andrews 8.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker 1, Peggy Wilshire 2, L. Smith 3, A. Franklin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, H. Holloway 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, Miss V. Willard 2, R. Butcher 3, H. B. Witney 4, W. Jeffs 5, V. W. Conquest (cond.) 6, F. J. Plummer 7, W. Insley 8.

LEYTONSTONE. — On Dec. 31st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: G. Dawson 1, A. Prior 2, A. W. Furbank 3, C. Willmington 4, A. W. Brighton 5, J. F. Grove 6. F. W. Housden 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8. First quarter in method on bells.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 4th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: J. B. Sansome 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, Kathleen Higgins 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, W. Langdon 5, R. W. Green 6, W. H. Hewett 7, H. Langdon 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, J. Rumley 12. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 10.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 4th, 1,344 Bob Major: W. Baldry 1, E. Newson 2, K. L. Brown 3, L. Webb 4, E. T. Chapman 5, Jack King (first as cond.) 6, R. Coates 7, A. Coleman 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On Dec. 28th, quarter-peal Grandsire Caters: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Bottomley 3, S. Hough, jun. 4, J. Worth 5, V. Norbury 6, W. Gayes 7, E. Seed 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, C. Morledge 10.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stratton (first quarter) 1, Olive Martin 2, Pamela Martin 3, H Beard (cond.) 4, R. Abraham 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, E. Lathal 8.

NORTHAMPTON. — On Dec. 31st, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Rita Parker 1, C. Stanton 2, N. F. Bull 3, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 4, P. D. Bishop 5, T. R. Horner 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

NORTON, HERTS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Pooley 1, J. Dear 2, H. Werrett 3, R. Webb 4, E. Buck (first as cond.) 5, I. Werrett 6, C. Kinch 7, T. Werrett 8. First quarter on the bells. First quarter for 3, 4, 6, 8.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Marks 1, D. Best 2, A. Drayton 3, T. Locke (cond.) 4, K. Welch 5, A. Hooper 6.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity on Jan. 4th, 1,280 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: R. Kendall 1, C. Ellison 2, E. Whiteley 3, B. Price 4, H. Wild 5, A. Pickles 6, W. Ambler (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Belsey 1, E. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, B. Edwards 4, T. Cross 5, F. G. Southgate 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, W. J. Walker 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. C. Belsey, former captain.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Ewins 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, Miss Lawrence (first quarter) 3, W. E. Judd 4, E. Gosling 5, W. Welling (cond.) 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. Rivers 8. In memoriam Capt. D. J. Symons.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Arnold (first quarter) 1, F. Page 2, Bob Challen 3, J. Toms 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, H. Stalham 7 G. Church 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, G. C. Goodman 2, H. W. Barrett 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, T. Abbot 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. V. Rayfield (first quarter) 1, H. E. Simpson 2, Miss D. G. Dobbie 3, W. A. Wood 4, G. Eastman 5, G. Kenward 6, S. B. Dobbie (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Simpson, captain of the Sittingbourne band, and 60 years a ringer.

TENTERDEN, KENT. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Meynell 1, R. Edwards 2, Miss V. Relf 3, J. Smith 4, P. Relf 5, C. Ballard 6, T. Want 7, B. Stranger 8. For induction of the Rev. C. S. W. Marcon and 90th birthday of Mr. C. Tribe.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH HUGHES.

Following a fall from a ladder, Mr. Joseph Hughes, of Lymm, Cheshire, died in Warrington Infirmary, aged 71. He was well known in Chester Guild and Lancashire Association circles.

He was one of the original band at Oxton in 1895 and had rung peals in most standard methods. He called the first peal (Grandsire Triples) rung by a local band at Oxton early in 1901. It was through Mr. Hughes' interest that Mr. George R. Newton started ringing.

The funeral was at Hill Cliffe Cemetery on January 10th, and was preceded by a service at Christ Church, Latchford. The tower at Lymm was represented by Messrs. Kirkpatrick. A son and daughter are bereaved and to them is extended the sympathy of many ringing friends.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

New officers were appointed at the annual meeting of the Hunts District, held at Huntingdon on January 17th.

Mr. S. Gilbert, of Huntingdon, succeeds Mr. H. Parker as secretary, as the latter has left the district; Mr. F. Warrington is ringing master and the committee consists of Messrs. H. Fields, W. Chamberlain, F. Baker, C. Young, H. Pratt and F. W. Lack.

Ringing took place at All Saints' and St. Mary's, the service being held in St. Mary's Church. Tea was served at the George Inn.

A FINE TRIBUTE

The following letter, headed 'Bellringers,' appeared in a recent issue of 'The Church Times':—

Sir,—'Honour to whom honour.' In an experience of over thirty years' work in all parts of the diocese of Salisbury, comprising Wiltshire and Dorset, I have found invariably the strongest bond of fellowship discoverable in parishes is among the local band of ringers, whose duties are seldom appraised or acknowledged in the proper quarter. Moreover, the inter-parochial ties and friendships thus formed are amazing. At the end of a long day's work they set off to ring in a distant tower. I have known farmhands, at their own choosing and suggestion, ring a peal for the Blessed Sacrament at 5 a.m. to bring the reality and joy of Easter at Alfred's Ethandune to the hearts and minds of the faithful. In all this period, prize-ringing has been unknown.—A. S. Bryant, Upwey Rectory, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch commenced with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples by a representative band at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham. The service which followed was conducted by Archdeacon Shaw (chairman of the branch).

After tea, attended by 65 members, the Archdeacon presided at the business meeting, supported by the president, Canon Coleridge, and the Master and Deputy Master of the Guild.

The branch secretary reported a successful and active year's work, and all the branch officers were re-elected. Before the close of the meeting the chairman called upon Canon Coleridge to say a few words, and he was greeted with loud applause as he stood up. Both the Master and Deputy Master addressed the meeting, after which the members went to All Saints' tower for further ringing until 9 p.m.

BANBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

The eight at Deddington proved an attraction on January 10th, when the quarterly meeting of Banbury and District Branch was held. Fifty members attended. Methods rung included Lincolnshire, Bristol, Kent, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Seven new members were elected.

Kent County Association

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. H. SONE.

The affair at Linton on January 10th might have been an ordinary meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association. Certainly Mr. C. H. Sone, host to us at this tower so many times, had no obvious reason for thinking otherwise, though there were unusual signs. It was, for instance, a very large company which crowded through the trapdoor into the ringing chamber of St. Nicholas' Church, and included ringing friends from various parts of the county, among them F. M. Mitchell, until 1946 general secretary, and A. G. Hill and B. W. May, secretaries of the Lewisham and Rochester Districts, respectively.

At the service, too, Mr. Sone had been invited by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Yeo, to select the hymns, and also heard personal references to himself in the address, masked as they were in the Vicar's welcome to the Association. The most suspicious thing of all was the secretary's (Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher) insistence on having Mr. and Mrs. Sone as guests at the tea served in the Bull, instead of allowing them to look after everyone else in traditional Linton style.

Probably Mr. Sone did sense the unusual, but not till a Philips all main radio appeared from its packing case did he realise the full significance of the occasion. Mr. Mitchell made the presentation from ringing members of the Maidstone District and from fellow officers of the General Committee. For though 80 years of age and well past his golden wedding, Charlie Sone had resigned from active office only in October, being made a vice-president soon afterwards. Some 55 years as a member, nearly 20 of them as district secretary, were the cold statistics of a long ringing life in Kent, which his friends now honoured.

Characteristically Charlie Sone tucked his thumbs into his waistcoat and spoke a brief 'Thank you.' The real surprise was evident to all of us, and quite fittingly we listened for a minute to a B.B.C. programme on the set just presented in our name.

Once more it was the ordinary procedure of a quarterly meeting. The Vicar presided over business, of which this account can mention only one item, the vote of congratulation to the secretary for the programme card of meetings for 1948. The idea, though not entirely new in ringing circles generally, was an innovation in Kent, and it will be of great interest to watch its development. F.S.J.H.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting at Bocking on Jan. 10th, Miss H G. Snowden (District Master) presided and five new members were elected. Witham was chosen for the next meeting on March 6th.

Miss Snowden was re-elected Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt secretary, and Messrs. H. W. Smith and R. Suckling to the committee.

Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Superlative Surprise Major, and the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. E. Rogers) preached at the fully choral service.

WRINGTON'S ANNUAL

The yearly supper arranged by the tower captain and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight) was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington, Somerset, on January 15th. Among those present was the Rector (the Rev. Arthur Talbot), Mr. E. E. Hardwick (churchwarden) and visiting ringers from Congresbury and Yatton, together with the local band, including several old members, no longer able to mount the stairs to the lofty bell chamber.

After an excellent meal of pre-war standards, the Rector thanked the ringers for inviting him and he also welcomed the visitors. Mr. L. Pullin (Yatton) replied.

Handbell ringing followed and there was a musical interlude, with community singing.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

IN MEMORIAM

COLES. — In loving memory of Charles T. Coles, who passed away February 2nd, 1946, and of his son, Captain Frederick G. Coles, M.C., killed in action in Tunisia, April, 1943. 2998

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

A masterpiece in research into the art of change ringing, 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d., post free. — 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH.' — No copies left, owing to phenomenal sales. Please await new and improved edition.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 52, The Close, Norwich. 2954

WANTED

Recording of St. Paul's Cathedral bells, half-muffled, and Decca No. F.2331 of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Records must be in good conditions.—Patricia Holmes, 35, Duckshill, Northwood, Middlesex. 3012

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. St. Peter's bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 17th. Subscriptions due 1948. — R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (2s.) and business meeting at Newnham Guest House, near church, at 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2920

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business 5. Service 6.—T. J. Lock, District Secretary. 2923

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 31st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 2928

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Doncaster 2.30 p.m. on Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —W. E. Critchley. 2957

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Penge, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Please note, tea at 4.30 p.m., service after.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2960

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Annual meeting, Norbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 2965

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting Tiverton, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silverton. 2966

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Jan. 31st, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. 2968

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Special committee meeting, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 4 p.m. Important business.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. General Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Monthly meeting. Jan. 31st, at Wilmington (6). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafe nearby.—F. H. Hicks, Assistant Hon. Div. Sec. 3010

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — On Monday, Feb. 2nd, a practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Sec. 2979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual Meeting, Spalding, Feb. 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Spalding, by Jan. 31st. 2949

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Tea at Duke's Head. 4.30. Numbers for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 4th.—A. H. Smith. 2978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 2955

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery.—Annual, Martock, Feb. 7th. Service, 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2972

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 p.m. Tea, Ward's Cafe, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting in St. Chad's ringing chamber 6 p.m., followed by ringing (12) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—E. D. Poole. 2971

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Sellindge (6), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 3rd to T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2962

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, without fail, to Mr. R. H. Begrie, 27, Halsbury House, Loraine Estate, Holloway, N.7, by Feb. 4th.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 2961

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Handsworth (8), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9, by Feb. 4th.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2967

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. D. Sherratt, 7, Roberts Avenue, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2982

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Alteration!! Annual divisional meeting, Crawley (8), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names by Feb. 4th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2994

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Lubenham, Feb. 7th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 3rd to G. Hollick, Lubenham, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen. 2996

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. —Northern Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Brecon St. Mary's (8), Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 3rd to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 2999

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Ryde, Feb. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Notifications for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport. 3000

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Kingsteignton (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (Phone 3121). 2991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3008

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing St. John's, Newcastle, 2.30 to 5; St. George's, Jesmond, 6 to 8.30. Tea, Roma Cafe, 2s. 6d. Names by Jan. 31st to W. E. Robinson, 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne 6. 3002

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — District annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea at St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m. please advise S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 2985

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Annual meeting, Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. P. Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs, by Feb. 3rd.—Mary Elkins, 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire. 2986

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow District.—Annual meeting at Ludlow, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. 2988

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, Grimsby District, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Members please make own tea arrangements. Business meeting 6 p.m. Church House, Bull Ring. —H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 2990

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Hereford, Feb. 7th. Service, Cathedral, 4.30. Tea, Garrick Hotel, 5.30. Number by Feb. 5th.—J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, Hereford. 2992

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION, W.B. — Annual meeting, Cleator Moor, St. John's (8), Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd to Mr Tembey, King Street, Wath Brow, Cleator. 3003

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Annual meeting, Alton, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting at Church Room. Names by Feb. 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 3013

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 7th, St. Stephen's, City (10). Ringing 3. Tea, St. Michael's Church House, 5.15. Notify for tea Wednesday, Feb. 4th, Branch Sec. 3011

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 7th, Southwark. Ringing, Cathedral (12), 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell contest, 5.45, in Chapter House. Ringing at Cathedral in evening. Names for tea early, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Meeting, Shrivenham, Feb. 7th. Bells (6), 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 4th. — R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 3005

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Speen (6), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Shaw tower (6) after tea. Hungerford bus, Newbury Wharf, 3; Speen turning 3.8. Notify by Feb. 4th.—S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 3006

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cardington (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. R. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Secretary. 3007

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — North Forest Branch. — Meeting, Westbury-on-Severn (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 10th.—A. J. Gibson, Byeways, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. 2956

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Ewhurst, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Bull's Head. Numbers by Feb. 10th to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3009

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Miss P. Jackson, Red House, Staverton, by Feb. 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 3001

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District. — Annual general district meeting, Ixworth, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Good tea for those who notify Mrs. Meek, The Rectory, Ixworth, by Feb. 11th.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 2987

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General meeting Loughborough, Feb. 14th. Ringing 2.30, Parish Church and Bell Foundry. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Fearon Hall, 5. Names by Feb. 19th to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough. 2995

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 14th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Names for tea must reach me by Feb. 9th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3004

RINGERS' 'AT HOME' and service at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 5 to 6.30 p.m. followed by special ringers' Evensong. Ringing after service. We need your support. Will tower secretaries please note and send representatives?—Ernest J. Rowe, Hon. Sec. 2989

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — The district secretary now has available cards giving the place and date of meetings for the district to be held in 1948. Send 3½d and stamped addressed envelope to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 2983

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—New Secretary, H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. All outstanding subscriptions for 1947 should be sent to Mr. G. Radley at once. 2984

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JOHN D. ROCK	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
ALBERT E. DAVIES ...	3	*JOHN M. G. DAVIES...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal. A farewell to John M. G. Davies on his departure to Africa with H.M. Forces.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

LESLIE H. COLCOMBE ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. OAKLEY ...	4
LESLIE D. YOUNG	2	FREDK. W. OAKLEY ...	5
TRACEY H. YOUNG	3	*ARTHUR W. PREECE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
* First peal. In memoriam the Rev. H. L. Ingham.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty six-scores, one 240 (Morris'). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

J. D. HOLDEN	...*Treble*	*D. WHATMORE	4
*MRS. G. WHATMORE ...	2	A. COPE	5
*MISS E. CAUSER	3	F. HOLDEN	*Tenor*

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 29, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten extents each of April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

PHILIP JONES ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE BATTISON	3
GEORGE CARE	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	4
CYRIL LONGLAND ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
An extent each of Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*MAURICE LOCKEY	...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
C. HENRY HARDING ...	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	5
*RONALD J. SHARP ...	3	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in seven plain methods.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ...	4
JOHN SHATFORD	2	ALLAN F. KIRKMAN ...	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	3	LEONARD G. TOSELAND...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN F. KIRKMAN.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents each of St. Simon's and April Day and 17 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt.

*ERIC CATLIN	...*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	4
†STAN M. RUDDLESDEN	2	SIDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	5
†KILBY R. HOLTOM ...	3	*REGINALD W. FENNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by KILBY R. HOLTOM.
* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*JAMES EDE	...*Treble*	LESLIE W. PENFOLD ...	4
*ROGER BEALE	2	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ...	5
JAMES KNIGHT	3	ALFRED J. BULL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.
* First peal.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC T. WALL	...*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
ALBERT E. DAVIES ...	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
THOMAS E. STEAD ...	3	E. PETER ROCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*KENNETH HARTLEY ...	...*Treble*	DEREK SANDERSON, R.A.F.	4
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY...	5
ROGER LEIGH	3	*DEREK WOLSTENHOLME	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal.

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On Sun., Dec. 28, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT, 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. COTTERELL ...	1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	FREDK. A. SALTER	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpire: T. Groombridge, sen.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 28, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT GLYN GARTH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. E. M. WAYMAN ...	1-2	JOHN FREEMAN	5-6
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ...	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7-8

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HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MISS M. ROWLANDS ...	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	PATRICK HARRIS	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal away from the tenors.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5-6
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On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 14 extents each Original and Plain Bob and seven extents each Grandsire and St. Simon's. Tenor size 14 in D.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The secretary reported a very successful ringing year at the annual meeting of the Bath Branch at Bath Abbey on January 10th, which was attended by over 140 members. Ringing opened with Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Beaumont Russell (chairman) and by the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank (vice-chairman), and the lesson read by Mr. S. Woodburn (secretary). The Archdeacon of Bath gave the address.

At the business meeting after tea the following officers were re-elected: Rev. W. Beaumont Russell (chairman), Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, Rev. P. B. Mercier (vice-chairmen) and Rev. E. W. Rowe, Vicar of Weston, also (vice-chairman) was elected in place of Rev. Preb. H. Barnett, who has now left Bath, Mr. S. Woodburn as secretary, Ringing Master and representative on General Committee, and Mr. R. D. Bond treasurer. Those present included the general secretary of Bristol and Gloucester Association, secretary of Bristol Rural Branch and the Ringing Master of Axbridge Deanery.

Two life members, T. Mark White, of Guildford, and C. Rawlings, of Clifton, and 18 new members were elected for the branch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH.

Some 69 ringers attended the annual meeting of the branch on January 3rd at St. James', Southbroom, Devizes. The Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Whitcombe) conducted the Guild service.

Mr. E. F. White presided at the annual meeting, but expressed a wish to retire from the post of branch chairman. Mr. W. C. West was unanimously elected to succeed him and Mr. A. T. Weeks vice-chairman and Mr. Harold Smith secretary.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist and ladies. A special welcome was accorded Canon F. H. Sangster, who is living in the parish in his retirement.

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These famous bell-founding firms have kindly consented to this adaptation of their advertisements to meet the pressure on our space, due to the compulsory reduction in the number of our pages this week.

GREAT PAUL

THE question raised by Mr. J. E. Bailey as to the occasions on which 'Great Paul,' the massive bell in St. Paul's Cathedral weighing 16¾ tons and which was cast by John Taylor and Co. in 1881, is rung has brought forth a number of interesting replies. Twenty tons of metal were melted down and the bell cost £3,000.

Mr. A. B. Peck, the secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, writes: 'The bell is rung every day except Sunday at 1 p.m. for about four minutes. It is rung frame high and then lowered gradually. Great Tom is tolled or clocked once a minute for two hours on the death of a Monarch. Great Paul weighs 16 tons and Tom 5 tons. The last named is the hour bell.'

Mr. R. F. Deal, of East Ham, adds this interesting information: 'This bell may be heard on week-days (except two or three days in the year) at one o'clock. It is raised about half-way up by four members of the Cathedral staff, who time their pulling with great precision, the first stroke of Great Paul being heard within a second or two of the clock striking. The clock bell is tolled for a death in the Royal Family, for a Bishop of London, the Lord Mayor, or the Dean. This bell, by Richard Phelps, 1716, weighs 92 cwt. 14 lbs. With the two big bells in the south tower are two quarter bells of about 12½ and 24½ cwt. by Phelps, 1707, and hanging above the twelve in the North Tower is the Five Minutes' or Service Bell (about 22 cwt.) by Philip Wightman, 1700—seventeen bells in all.'

Mr. E. M. Atkins finds an inspiration in Great Paul. His letter states: 'Great Paul is rung every day at 1 o'clock. When I hear it from my office, which is about half a mile away, I am reminded of its inscription: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," and it is an inspiring thought that this message is sent out day by day to the multitudes working within earshot. On the great festivals, like Ascension Day, the 12 bells are rung earlier in the morning, and I have been able to do my little bit by explaining when asked why the bells are ringing.'

The concluding note is from the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kington Magna, who confirms that the bell is rung daily at 1 o'clock for five minutes, and gives this footnote: 'I have on one occasion—with a party of three Dorset boys—taken part in ringing it myself.' An experience truly memorable, and which would rejoice the heart of any young ringer.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

J. Edward Cawser	*Treble*	†W. Eric Critchley	6
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	7
*Edna F. Bedford	3	George Ledsham	8
John E. Bibby	4	John Worth	9
Walter Allman	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parke. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge. Tenor 34¾ cwt.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*James Metcalf	*Treble*	†Nicholas M. Newby	6
*William Langhorne	2	Frank E. Pervin	6
*John Woods	3	*Stanley Richardson	8
*Sydney Usher	4	‡Brian D. Price	9
*Frank Postlethwaite	5	Thomas Metcalf	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by James E. Burles.
* First peal of Caters. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in the method.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Etheldreda,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*John T. Kentish	*Treble*	Alan White	6
†Bernard H. Swinson	2	†Donald C. Price	7
†Donald C. Mears	3	Thomas J. Southam	8
‡Alan F. Cull	4	George W. Debenham	9
†Robert A. Cochrane	5	Albert Lawrence	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Alan White.
* 400th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal. First peal of Caters as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

Enid M. Wayman	*Treble*	*P. Michael Freeman	6
Margaret Fidell	2	John Freeman	7
Madeline M. Lyon	3	Jack L. Millhouse	8
Betty Brown	4	†Kenneth S. B. Croft	9
Jean A. Southerst	5	Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal for the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Jan. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

H. James Turner	*Treble*	Leonard Tuffrey	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Henry H. Fearn	7
Albert Walker	3	Herbert C. Spencer	8
Frank E. Pervin	4	John Pinfold	9
*Arthur D. Cook	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Arranged by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Belgrave Royal for the Guild and by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Cedric Curson	*Treble*	Albert E. Bracey	5
Ernest G. Shorting	2	Raymond G. Lofty	6
Russell W. Curson	3	George Sayer	7
Charles H. Moore	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Knights. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
A farewell peal to the Rev. S. J. Titterton.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook	*Treble*	Walter Allman	5
Margaret L. Tutt	2	Dennis Maddock	6
Francis Bibby	3	Cyril Valentine	7
John E. Bibby	4	Cecil Raddon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by John E. Bibby.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Harold A. May	*Treble*	Chas. W. R. Grimwood	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	H. William Barrett	6
Edward J. Lindley	3	G. Williams Morris	7
Eric T. Lee	4	Herbert G. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pagett. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

John Scott	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Frank E. Pervin	6
*George E. Large	3	Henry H. Fearn	7
Herbert C. Spencer	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal in the method.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONCNEY BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Philip Walker	*Treble*	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	5
Herbert H. Alexander	2	Walter F. Judge	6
Marie R. Cross	3	William Judge	7
William C. Porter	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal to be rung in this method, No. 55 in the Collection of Plain Major Methods.

STOKE-MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Roland Biggs	*Treble*	*Sylvia Coker	5
Dorothy R. Fletcher	2	Jesse Harrison	6
Kathleen E. Fletcher	3	Harry C. Jones	7
Walter Lee	4	Harry Wingrove	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harry Wingrove.
* First peal of Major.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

Alfred Lovering	*Treble*	George Skinner	5
*Jack Salway	2	Charles Turner	6
*Fred Wreford	3	*John L. S. Glanvill	7
Brian Pidgeon	4	John Arbury	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by J. L. S. Glanvill.
* First peal in the method.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*W. George Turner	*Treble*	Ernest H. Simpson	5
Ernest B. Betts	2	Fred Hodgson	6
*Fred Davison	3	Alfred Smith	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal of Surprise.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ...	2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE...	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	CECIL C. MAYNE	7
JOHN E. ROOTES ...	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD...	*Treble*	JOHN H. HUNT	5
TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	6
TOM PAGE	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	‡JOHN HARTLESS	5
†DAVID R. REED	2	†COLIN W. REED	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR ...	3	*PETER ANGER	7
*RONALD MARLOW ...	4	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*MRS. E. ROSCOE	*Treble*	C. BRETT-SMITH	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	2	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS...	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN...	4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED G. WILLIAMS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor and 25th peal.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
JOHN LUNHAM	2	TOM MARSHALL	6
ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ...	3	NORMAN HEAPS	7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

G. LEONARD HEWITT ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	5
*A. EDWARD REEVES ...	2	*FREDK. G. BEDDOW ...	6
*JOHN F. BUTLER	3	*CLIFFORD BARRON ...	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. IDLE	*Treble*	WILLIAM HECTOR ...	5
HARRY BAXTER	2	DENIS YEOMANS	6
BRIAN AUSTIN	3	*GEORGE F. BURTON ...	7
LEWIS W. KILBORN ...	4	RAYMOND H. IDLE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RAYMOND H. IDLE.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ...	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of London. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ANNUNC. B.V.M., PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*CHAS. R. CHAMBERS ...	*Treble*	PHILLIP SADLER	5
†DONALD COOMBES ...	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	6
WILLIAM PERRY	3	ROY BROWN	7
FREDERICK SOUTER ...	4	JOHN E. FOWLER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal 'inside.' In memoriam John Ernest Philbrick. Tenor 18½ cwt.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*NORMAN NIGHTINGALE	*Treble*	ALBERT HEYWOOD	5
WILLIE AARON	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BAKER. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDNA M. SILLS	*Treble*	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	5
BETTY SPICE	2	ROBERT PALMER	6
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	3	†PETER C. WRIGHT ...	7
E. S. JOHN HATCHER...	4	C. JOHN DICKINSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight 120's each of Plain Bob, Canterbury and April Day, sixteen 120's of Grandsire and two of Stedman.

JEAN M. WARD	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	4
SIDNEY HARRISON ...	2	GORDON OLIFFE	5
JOHN B. BRAMLEY ...	3	*PHILIPP R. BLEASY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD SMITH	*Treble*	GILBERT HASELL	4
*MISS HILDA PRESCOTT...	2	SEALY S. WOODBURN ...	5
*MISS AUDREY TIBBOTTS	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.
* First peal. For the induction of the Rev. E. Wells.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
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 9½ cwt.

*TREVOR A. CROSS ...	*Treble*	BERT W. MAY	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ...	2	*CHARLES E. J. NORRIS...	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal in three methods.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST, NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

COLIN MILTHORP, R.N....	*Treble*	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON...	4
D. SANDERSON, R.A.F....	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	5
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ...	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.
First peal as conductor.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, eight of St. Dunstan's, eight 240's of Morris' and four 240's of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DEREK TOCKNELL.	*Treble*	HAROLD HOBBS	4
TREVOR PRITCHARD ...	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
OLIVER HILL	3	*BERNARD TUDOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*HARRY SCOFFIN ...	*Treble*	JOHN I. SMITH	4
SAMUEL H. SUTTON ...	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	5
KENNETH KETTERINGHAM	3	*WILLIAM HALL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First peal. To commemorate 50 years as a ringer at Alford by the treble ringer, aged 64 years.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*MISS GWEN E. MURKITT	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING ...	4
*MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	2	*A. JAMES GLASS	5
*MISS FREDA D. MURKITT	3	GEORGE GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal in seven methods.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six extents each of April Day, Grandsire, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and St. Simon's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALBERT I. WALPOLE	*Treble*	KENNETH L. BROWN ...	3
*JACK KING	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ...	4
*ERNEST A. LONG ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.
* First peal of Doubles.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

FRED BRINE	*Treble*	*CHARLES FORD	4
WILLIAM STOWELL ...	2	JOHN OWEN	5
*FRED DAY	3	†EDWARD VEALE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN OWEN.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

S. GUPPY	*Treble*	G. W. RENDELL	4
*A. ATYEO	2	†R. W. WHITE	5
*R. C. GILES	3	*J. HIGGINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JEFFREY B. WEBB (15)...	*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK...	4
GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	2	WALTER J. COPE	5
MISS JOAN BERESFORD	3	*MARK N. CULLING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles in two methods by all.

LONGPARISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE W. J. BROWN...	*Treble*	*ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	4
JOHN HOLLOWAY	2	JAMES HOLLOWAY ...	5
FRANK TONGE	3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.
* First peal.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF FULBECK BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
CHARLES L. SADLER ...	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS	7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

HEVINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
AT MR. W. C. MEDLER'S HOUSE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in B.

*JACK KING	1-2	NOLAN GOLDEN	5-6
†REV. E. WM. BLYTH ...	3-4	WALTER C. MEDLER	7-8

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Major.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

GEOFFREY DODDS	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3-4	HAROLD A. MAY	7-8

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	*ERNEST MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First Surprise peal on handbells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE...	3-4	OLAVE E. BROYD	7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. H. Pulling rang his 400th peal of Stedman on New Year's Eve.

Mr. Harold A. May has joined the long list of those who have 'circled' Warnham tower.

In honour of the 39th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Holden was the peal at Bexley, Kent, on January 3rd.

A golden wedding peal was rung at Douglas-in-Parbold, Lancs, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Santus, the donors of the treble bell.

Another golden wedding similarly remembered at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, was that of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolstencroft.

No fewer than 30 quarter-peals were rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, during 1947 for services.

Mr. Peter C. Wright, of West Malling, called his coming-of-age peal in his own tower on January 6th.

Now that Mr. Harry Scoffin has been a ringer at St. Wilfrid's, Alford, for 50 years, he has rung his first peal.

Mr. Donald G. Clift, of 21, The Chine, Stapleton, Bristol, would like to hear from other Donalds interested in a name peal.

Mr. J. Higgins, an old age pensioner at Seavington, Somerset, has decided to change from call changes to method ringing. His first peal is recorded.

The peal of Belgrave Surprise Royal at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was a compliment to Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd upon the eve of his 50th birthday.

For 30 years a ringer at Lyme Regis, the late Mr. John Ernest Philbrick had spent the last two years at Southend, ringing most regularly at Prittlewell, although at times unwell. A peal to his memory was rung there on Jan. 4th.

A company of 150, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Aldershot, attended St. Michael's (Aldershot) ringers' social on January 24th. The sum of £21 was raised towards the cost of overhauling the bells.

Ringers, especially in the Oxford Diocese, will congratulate Mr. A. R. Pink upon his appointment as secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance and Dilapidations Board. Mr. Pink's progressiveness and enthusiasm are well known.

Long service from Longparish, Hants, is to hand this week. Mr. L. W. Andrews, aged 88, has rung at this tower for 72 years. The peal on January 7th was a compliment to him and Mrs. Andrews on the 56th anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. Frank C. Knight, of Cambray Road, Orpington, Kent, is planning another ringing tour of Kent this year between August 7th and 16th. He hopes that as many as possible of those who came on his other tours will again be available.

Another Christmas Quiz afterthought from prize-winner Harold V. Frost. 'Re the question of a 5,001 of Major, I think it is possible to get a peal of Original Major to come round at hand at that number as bobs and singles can be called at every handstroke, although I'm not proposing to sit down and compose one!'

Messrs. G. H. Paulson and H. E. Taylor, of St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, took part in a short broadcast in 'In Town To-night' programme last Saturday. Mr. Paulson spoke as churchwarden and bellringer and Mr. Taylor as ringer and conductor.

Ringing Master at 17



Frederick William Grocott commenced learning to ring in June, 1943, at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, under his father. In December, 1943, he rang his first 720, and from that moment there was no holding him back; before he was 14 years old he had mastered London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Not content with six bells, he went further afield, and before long he was quite at home in eight and ten bell towers. He has not missed a ringing meeting since he joined the North Staffordshire Association in 1945. He is also a member of the Cheshire Guild.

The new Master did not ring his first peal until he had been ringing for three years, not because he could not; he just felt that it was worth waiting until he was really capable. His present record of peals consists of four peals of Major; one of Grandsire Doubles, which he conducted with a band average age 15 years; and a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods, which he also conducted.

In December last, at the annual meeting of the Association, he was unanimously elected Ringing Master for six-bell towers for his brilliant ringing capabilities, and also for the very valuable help he had given to young ringers in various towers. He is also a very promising handbell ringer.

Recently his ringing was temporarily curtailed, as he had to undergo an operation, which he came through quite successfully. At present he is attending meetings and assisting the learners at his own tower.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Penzance Branch monthly practice was held at Helston on January 24th. About 20 attended from Madron, Gulval, Camborne, Carbis Bay, Redruth, and L. E. M. Dear, of Hertfordshire, at present stationed in Cornwall. Progress was evident by the fact that Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung. The local captain, Mr. Willey, rang the tenor to several touches of Grandsire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Meeting at Winshill on January 17th, the Midland Counties Guild admitted seven new members from Ashby, Burton St. Modwen's and Winshill.

Mr. F. G. Fretwell was appointed Ringing Master for the next meeting at Netherseale on March 6th.

Mr. J. W. Cotton (hon. secretary) thanked the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Redfern) for conducting the service and the local members who had prepared tea. He said it was 10 years since the last ringing meeting had been held at the church, which was a landmark in the Burton area.

LETTERS

SISTERS' RECORD

Dear Sir,—In answer to your query in this week's 'Ringing World,' I thought I would send you word that my twin sister, Grace, and I have rung all our peals (147) together. We should like to congratulate the Misses Fletcher on their achievement.—Yours sincerely.

(Miss) KATHARINE BURCHNALL.

Sutton-on-Trent.

TOWER SNATCHING

Dear Sir, — In 1947 I rang in 158 towers, 118 of them being new ones in 14 different counties.

Owing to the bad winter weather, an accident at work in April, which put me out of action for three weeks, and a fall on December 6th, which fractured both feet, which I am still nursing, I cannot record a Sunday ringing record.

I have no doubt many of my friends reading this will say, 'That's stopped him.' To them I would say, 'Yes—and the basic too.'—Yours sincerely, ERIC NOBLES.

Duston, Northants.

Question.—Can he do the hat-trick, 300 new towers in three years?—Editor.

AN ORPINGTON EXPERIMENT

Dear Sir,—I note with great interest that Mr. T. S. Williams, of Kingsland Grange Preparatory School, Shrewsbury, has formed a ringers' guild from a number of his young pupils. May I take this opportunity, through the medium of your columns, to wish him every success in what will prove a very difficult task. It is very gratifying to hear that such an interest is being taken in these young boys. Mr. Williams' efforts are bound to prove invaluable to the Exercise in later years, but in the meantime he must expect many disappointments.

Although not in exactly the same position as Mr. Williams, I am a schoolmaster and teach in a school containing 630 boys, whose ages range from 11-17 years. My subject is music and I invariably include some elementary campanology in certain of my lessons. This 'sideline' certainly has proved popular with the majority of the classes. So much so that I decided five months ago to recruit a dozen or so of the boys (average age 12 years) and teach them the art. Fortunately I had recently heard that a certain tower in the neighbourhood contained a fine ring of eight bells by Taylor, tenor 20 cwt., which had been silent for some years through lack of ringers. This was an opportunity not to be missed, and on approaching the Vicar we were welcomed with open arms. In five months these boys have learned to handle their bells and to ring rounds and 'stoney' with reasonably good striking. We are now just starting on Grandsire. Handbells have played an important part in learning method ringing. Grandsire and Plain Bob have been mastered reasonably well by most of the band on these, and by next Easter I feel sure all the boys will be capable of ringing a six-score and a 720 on tower bells. Sunday ringing takes place regularly each week.

I am happy to be able to include among my campanologist friends a number of schoolmasters, who, I'm sure, would find it very interesting and very useful to the Exercise to embark upon a similar venture even if only as an experiment.

If ever Mr. Williams is down this way I should be very happy to make his acquaintance and perhaps to ring in a peal with him.—Yours very truly,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.
Senior Music Master,
Orpington County School.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: O. Needham 1, M. Thurmott (cond.) 2, J. Rowsell 3, F. Yarrow 4, C. Gimbert 5, R. Bullen 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

OBITUARY

MR. WM. H. LAWRENCE.

By the passing of Mr. Wm. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, Herts, on Jan. 17th, we have lost a very sincere friend. For over 46 years I had the pleasure of his great friendship, and I shall never forget that wonderful handshake and cheerful smile with which he first greeted me. No stranger ever set foot in his belfry without receiving the same welcome.

For 37 years he was district secretary, and but for a serious affliction he would have carried on for a much longer period. He bore his years of illness with fortitude and cheerfulness.

A devoted churchman, he took an active part in the Church's well-being and of his own village. The sympathy of many is extended to his wife and two daughters. He lived a life for others and one that was well and truly spent.—G. Radley.

The funeral service on January 21st was taken by the Rev. H. G. Thompson (a former Rector), the congregation filling the church. After the committal service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon handbells by Messrs. L. Fidler (president, Herts Association), W. Ayre (secretary), Albert Coles and Sidney Carter. There were many ringers present, viz., Messrs. Barnard, Patmore (Great Munden, Groom (Standon), G. Radley (Hoddesdon), F. W. Elliott (Rickmansworth), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Carter (Hertford), Gilbert Debenham, G. W. Cartmel and the Rev. R. G. Cartmel (St. Albans), besides the local ringers, who rang a half-muffled touch immediately after the service, and again in the evening.

MR. GEORGE A. CARTER.

Farnham has lost an enthusiastic ringer by the death of Mr. George Carter (36), of Wrecclesham, as the result of a fall from a lorry. Although not a peal ringer, he had several quarters to his credit during his 20 years' association with the Parish Church.

The funeral was on January 21st, local ringers attending being Messrs. C. W. Denyer, W. Buller, C. Wells and T. Upshall. In the evening the bells at Farnham Parish Church were rung half-muffled to his memory.

CANADIAN RINGERS AND THE ROYAL WEDDING

The bells of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C., were rung on November 20th in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to touches of Grandsire and 'fired' with the Royal Salute. The fact was communicated to Her Royal Highness by Mr. Limpus, who received the following gracious acknowledgment:—

'Dear Mr. Limpus,—I am desired by the Princess Elizabeth to express to you Her Royal Highness' most sincere thanks for your very kind letter, which the Princess was most interested to read, and hear of the ringing of the bells. Her Royal Highness was most touched by this, and I am once again to express to you their Royal Highness' most sincere thanks for your very kind thought in writing. — Yours truly, Margaret Reynolds, Lady-in-Waiting.'

KIDDERMINSTER MEMORIAL WINDOW

Ringers from four associations joined together at the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Kidderminster, on January 19th, to ring a half-muffled peal as a token of respect to the men of Kidderminster who fell during the war. After the peal a memorial service was held, and a window, donated by Mr. G. S. Chadwick as a memorial to his only son, Ian Ross Chadwick, killed in the war, was unveiled.

The four associations represented were the Chester Guild, Lancashire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Worcestershire and Districts Association. The band's thanks are due to Mr. K. Salter and Mr. Chadwick for making the necessary arrangements.

Southwell Guild

The newly formed Newark Branch held its first annual meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on January 24th, when about 60 per cent. of members attended. Mr. A. Chilton was elected Ringing Master for the ensuing year.

The secretary's report showed that membership numbered 42, and that two peals of Bob Minor and one each of Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major had been rung. There is plenty of scope for pioneering work in this widely scattered agricultural district, and the aim is to train as many recruits and get as many towers on their feet as possible during the coming year.

The district suffers through lack of higher numbers of bells, there being but two eights (one of which is rather a curiosity) and a ten upon which opinions differ!

A very healthy spirit prevails in the area, and by the end of another year it is expected that progress will have been made in all directions. The newly born infant will have cut its teeth!

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Despite very bad weather, a successful meeting, attended by 30 members, was held at Brentford on January 17th, a special welcome being accorded to Miss N. Williams, of Bath, and Lieut. J. D. Richards, R.N., after service in the Far East.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. H. Coles (vice-president) was in the chair, and elections or confirmations were: Mr. Squire Croft (Richmond), non-resident life member; Miss Beryl J. Denton and Miss F. Hopwood (Isleworth), ringing members.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Pitt) conducted a short service, and tea was kindly provided by the church authorities.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, on January 24th. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and at 4.45 a short service was held in church, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Ayling. Tea was provided at the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar. Three new members were enrolled: W. Reynolds (All Saints', West Bromwich), J. N. Linden (Birmingham) and D. J. Charnley (Isleworth, Middlesex). A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and hospitality was passed.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch has just concluded another successful year's working. Several meetings were held during 1947, and despite somewhat heavier expenditure, the finances increased. A permanent memorial was erected to Mr. C. R. Walker.

The holding of weekly practices in the Newton Abbot area had been of considerable benefit to the less experienced members. Practices were resumed again on January 7th after the Christmas holidays, when some good touches of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering, Plain Bob Minor and a couple of courses of Grandsire Triples were rung. The branch is indebted to the church authorities at Highweek for the use of their bells, and to Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, for his work as instructor. B.

SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the South-West Branch at Plymouth, Emmanuel, on January 17th, was a great success—ringing in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent, a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. N. B. Chapman) and a magnificent tea.

The branch chairman (the Rev. H. B. Bennett) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. G. H. Myers (vice-president) and Mr. F. C. Smale (Guild secretary), the attendance numbering over 50. The retiring officers and General Committee were re-elected and the next meeting fixed for April 3rd at Plympton St. Mary (if permission is granted).

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Jan. 11th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hart 1, F. Bush 2, E. Cropley 3, B. Smith 4, R. Stallibrass 5, E. Dodds 6, R. Hart (conductor) 7, R. Randell (first quarter) 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Jan. 11th at St. Paul's a quarter-peal Grandsire Caters: P. Foster (first quarter) 1, D. Roden 2, N. Brain 3, H. Harrison 4, W. J. Leach 5, G. Harrison 6, B. C. Key (cond.) 7, E. J. White 8, G. L. Roden 9, L. Chamberlain 10. First quarter 'inside' for 2, 4 and 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Cook 1, J. Keyte 2, Miss P. Francis (first inside) 3, I. Harris 4, R. H. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, H. Francis 8.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Shaw 1, J. D. Armitage 2, A. Wear 2, G. Dixon 4, H. M. Heaton 5, A. C. Walsh 6, B. D. Price (cond.) 7, W. Dixon 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. G. Collins (13) (first in method) 1, B. Stepney (first inside) 2, W. M. Stepney (12) 3, F. H. Hicks 4, G. Beeney (first in method as cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Jan. 11th, 1,368 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, G. L. Perkins 2, G. Nicholls (first inside) 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, F. Nicholls 5, J. Perkins 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, A. H. Russell (first quarter inside) 3, A. F. Lancaster 4, R. Newman (cond.) 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HUNTINGDON. — On Jan. 10th, at St. Mary's, 1,344 Bob Major: C. Young 1, W. Young 2, S. Gilbert 3, P. Border 4, W. Seekings 5, F. W. Lack 6, H. Fields 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8. First quarter Major 1, 2 and 3.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Harper 1, Miss Ruth Arthur 2, Miss Mary Matthews 3, A. F. Burley 4, A. Carveth (cond.) 5, D. Cavill 6. First quarter of Doubles by all.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. F. Dunn (first quarter) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle (first Grandsire inside) 3, C. A. Hughes 4, E. Furbanks 5, W. D. Grainger 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM. — On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Evans 3, T. Yeoman 4, Gwyn Westcott 5, R. Westcott 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, B. Rees 8.

MESSINGHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Parkin 1, Mavis King 2, F. Nash 3, J. W. Toyne 4, R. Traviss (first as cond.) 5, J. Blackbourn 6. First quarter by a local band.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain and 660 Grandsire): M. D. Goodman (first quarter, aged 11) 1, H. Nicholls 2, Mrs. F. C. Goodman 3, F. W. Middleton 4, F. C. Goodman (cond.) 5, H. Hall 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Tiller 1, D. Reed 2, R. Marlow 3, R. Tiller 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, C. Drayson 8. First quarter of Stedman for all except 7.

SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Povey (first quarter) 1, E. Smith 2, G. Cleave 3, D. Neate 4, N. E. Tanner (cond.) 5, W. Wicks 6, J. W. Cook 7, J. Smith 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: T. L. Elliott 1, Ed. Large 2, J. Pinfold 3, H. J. Turner 4, N. J. Goodman 5, H. W. Haslam 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 7, F. H. Walters 8. First quarter in method by all except 2 and 7.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS. — On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Harding 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, Sgt. F. P. Wright (first in method) 3, R. O. Fry 4, F. A. Penn 5, H. Marsh 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, S. Francis 8.

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PERCY.—On Feb. 1st, 1948, at the Connaught Nursing Home, Eastbourne, to Betty (nee Rayfield), wife of Robert Percy, the gift of a daughter (Janet May). 3047

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Sellindge (6), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2962

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 2961

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Crawley (8), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2994

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Brecon St. Mary's (8), Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 2999

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Ryde, Feb. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Notifications for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport. 3000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—District annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea at St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m. please advise S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 2985

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Hereford, Feb. 7th. Service, Cathedral, 4.30. Tea Garrick Hotel, 5.30. 2992

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION, W.B.—Annual meeting, Cleator Moor, St. John's (8), Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. 3003

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 7th, Southwark. Ringing, St. Mary's, Lambeth (8), 2.45 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell contest, 5.45, in Chapter House. Ringing at Cathedral in evening. Names for tea early, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Shrivenham, Feb. 7th. Bells (6), 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 3005

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Speen (6), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Shaw tower (6) after tea. Hungerford bus, Newbury Wharf, 3; Speen turning 3.8.—S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 3006

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Poolstock, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service and tea. Rounds to London. 3015

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Meeting, Westbury-on-Severn (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 10th.—A. J. Gibson, Byeways, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. 2956

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Ewhurst, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Bull's Head. Numbers by Feb. 10th to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3009

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual general district meeting, Ixworth, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Good tea for those who notify Mrs. Meek, The Rectory, Ixworth, by Feb. 11th.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 2987

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General meeting Loughborough, Feb. 14th. Ringing 2.30, Parish Church and Bell Foundry. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Fearon Hall, 5. Names by Feb. 10th to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough. 2995

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 14th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Names for tea must reach me by Feb. 9th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3004

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wentworth, Saturday, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, not later than Feb. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3022

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield Branch.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Feb. 14th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea to G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley. 3023

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Feb. 14th. Cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 3021

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Joint meeting, Bulkington Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. L. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, near Nuneaton, by Thursday previous. 3014

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smith, 9, Grasmere Street, Rochdale, for Wednesday, Feb. 11th.—I. Kay, Sec. 3016

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Darley Dale (8), Feb. 14th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—H. E. Taylor, Darley Dale. 3034

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, All Saints', North Ferriby (6), Feb. 14th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) Duke of Cumberland Hotel for all who notify by first post Feb. 12th, Albert Sellers, 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 2993

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3026

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Spondon, Feb. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Bailey, 89, Nottingham Road, Spondon, by Feb. 10th. 3038

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting at Tilehurst, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5, followed by meeting. Names to me by the 9th.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. 3027

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Tonbridge (8), Feb. 14th, 3. Tea 5, Carlton Cafe. Committee will meet after. Names to Mr. H. Trumper, 2, Mill Crescent, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 3036

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Combined monthly meeting at Bulkington, Feb. 14th. Names for tea Mr. L. J. Hind, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, by the 12th certain.—L. Trevor, District Sec. 3037

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6). Tea at 5 p.m. in Ebsworth Hall for those who notify O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford, by Feb. 11th.—H. Denman. 3033

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Notify for tea by 10th.—T. E. Newbury, Hon. Sec. 3032

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Good Shepherd, Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notifications by 11th to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. 'Phone 3293. 3031

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Darlington, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 11th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 3029

LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATIONS.—Furness and Lake District and West Cumberland Branches.—Combined practice meeting will be held at Millom on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Miss M. Johnson, Branch Secs. 3043

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, Liverpool, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The tower will be open at 2.30. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Tuebrook, Liverpool.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 3042

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting at the Cathedral Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3040

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Feb. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3044

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Yalding (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3045

RINGERS' 'AT HOME' and service at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 5 to 6.30 p.m. followed by special ringers' Evensong. Ringing after service. We need your support. Will tower secretaries please note and send representatives?—Ernest J. Rowe, Hon. Sec. 2989

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Annual meeting, Chichester, Feb. 21st, 2.30. Service and tea. Names (by 19th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3028

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 S. Nicolas'. Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, limited to the first 70 names received by A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Annual district meeting, Heston, Feb. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. C. Chandler, 44, New Heston Road, Hounslow, by Feb. 19th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320. 2997

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice, annual, Wells, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m., 4s. 6d. per head. Names essential early. It is hoped to arrange ample ringing facilities in Wells and district.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath. 3035

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—The 60th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 6th, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid up ringing members 4s. each, to other members and friends 8s. 6d. each. Early application essential, with remittance, to T. H. Reeves, hon. sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11. 3041

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GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

THE Grandsire Doubles band which aspires to ring a peal in its own tower has little difficulty about practice, for the peal will be mainly a repetition of familiar work. This is not necessarily so with the Grandsire Triples band. Peal compositions may be the same in method as the service ringing, but they differ greatly from it in their construction, and in these days when young learners are very rightly given so much of the precious practice night, it is not always easy to fit in long touches.

Consequently neither conductor nor band is likely to make much progress towards ringing a peal if they confine their service ringing to three bobs Right (or Home). The two favourite peals for first-timers both lend themselves to shortenings which bring them into the fifteen or twenty minutes' limit for service touches, so that every Sunday can be made a peal practice. Apart from peal considerations, the adoption of more advanced callings such as these will greatly improve the standard of our prime consideration, the service touch.

Parker's Twelve-part, either in its original form (with —765 part-ends) or in Groves' variation (with —567 p.e.), has in each part a single on the same two back bells throughout the peal—in the original they are 5 and 7, in Groves' 5 and 6. If this single is omitted the last bob in the first part brings up 423567, when another bob produces rounds at 406 changes. A quarter-peal is obtained by calling the first three parts with no alteration except that the single on the two back bells must be omitted in one of the parts—it is immaterial which.

Holt's Ten-part (Reeves' variation) has the leads of the plain course in their natural order for the last lead of each part. It will, therefore, run round true from a single part, and the calling of either the first half or the second may be used. If you wish to incorporate two Holt's Bob Singles in your touch begin with two bobbed leads 752634, 467352, and then call the first HBS, which will bring up the first change of the second half 235476. Now let the bells run for four plain leads before calling one part of the second half from 257364. It will actually be the last part of the peal, and it is imperative to run these plain leads first; otherwise your touch will not end with a bob lead and a HBS will not bring the bells round.

A quarter-peal of Holt's requires some adjustment, since two parts are not enough while three are too many. You can call the first two parts from rounds and the third part as far as the third bob, which will bring up 257643. From this leadhead call single at 4, bob at 1, single at 1, bob at 4, which is rounds; total 1,260 changes.

If you wish to use HBS in your quarter it is recommended to add the extra leads at the start. From rounds call bobs at 2, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, and let the bells run on for two plain leads further to bring up 246375. Now call the fifth part of the peal, ending with HBS. You should then let the bells run for four plain leads before starting to call the tenth part of the peal, ending with the coming round HBS This quarter has an extra lead, making 1,274 changes.

ANDREW CORRIGAN.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

John Walden ...	...*Treble*	H. Leslie Pask	7
*Jack L. Millhouse ...	2	*Herbert Lowman ...	8
*Sidney A. Chambers...	3	*Walter Tomlinson ...	9
Charles McGuiness ...	4	*Geoffrey M. Mayer ...	10
†Jean A. Southerst ...	5	*Kenneth W. Mayer ...	11
John A. Freeman ...	6	‡John Freeman ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus and first of Maximus on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Surprise Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

John Phillips ...	...*Treble*	H. E. C. Goodenough	7
Albert W. Coles ...	2	Ernest C. S. Turner...	8
William H. Hewett...	3	Charles W. Roberts...	9
*Thomas J. Lock... ...	4	Harold W. Clark ...	10
James Bennett	5	†Reuben Sanders	11
J. Frank Smallwood...	6	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by E. C. S. Turner.
* 100th peal for the Association. † 50th peal on the bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Alan F. Thirst ...	...*Treble*	†Cyril Taberner	6
*Eric E. Speake	2	Arthur V. Pearson ...	7
†J. Dennis Holden ...	3	Howard Howell ...	8
†John Goodman	4	†Harry Boswell ...	9
†Albert D. Collins ...	5	Arthur Pritchard	...*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. First of Little Bob Royal on the bells and for the Society. Tenor 20½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 28½ cwt.

Noreen Brain ...	...*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton ...	5
Geoffrey Hair	2	Barnabas G. Key ...	6
Fredk. G. Fretwell ...	3	George L. Roden ...	7
Gordon Harrison ...	4	Edward J. White	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Fred Brightman	...*Treble*	Arthur J. Farr	5
†Maurice Bennett (14)	2	Horace Bennett	6
Stanley E. Bennett ...	3	Frank Taylor	7
Cyril Wander	4	John G. Ames ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John G. Ames.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 22 cwt.

Doris Bennett ...	...*Treble*	Albert M. Tyler ...	5
Donald G. Clift ...	2	Andrew J. Corrigan...	6
Frederick G. Leaker	3	Norman H. Coombs ...	7
*Albert V. Bennett ...	4	†Cecil H. Wood ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Triples.
In memoriam the Rev. T. H. Bland, M.A., Vicar for 32 years.

BURNHAM, BUCKS
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

George C. Goodman	...*Treble*	*T. Mark White	5
Alfred H. Pulling ...	2	Cyril A. Burgess ...	6
Mary R. Jaycock ...	3	†Harold A. May	7
H. William Barrett ...	4	George Gilbert ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt.

*John R. Hart ...	...*Treble*	Reginald F. Crook ...	5
Peggy E. Hart	2	Albert Diserens	6
Philip M. J. Gray ...	3	Reginald W. Rex ...	7
Raymond G. Burton...	4	Vincent T. Cherrill	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Diserens.
* First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans'. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*Michael V. Chilcott	*Treble*	John B. Sansom	5
Herbert Langdon ...	2	J. Frank Smallwood...	6
*Gordon R. Allsop ...	3	John E. Chilcott ...	7
*John W. Stephenson...	4	Horace Belcher ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Langdon.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PERRY BAR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.

George F. Swann	...*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
James F. Harvey ...	2	S. George Chaplin ...	6
G. William Critchley	3	George E. Fearn ...	7
Albert Walker	4	John Pinfold ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Swann.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

John Scott ...	...*Treble*	Arthur D. Cook	5
Edward T. Lloyd ...	2	H. James Turner ...	6
John Pinfold	3	Vincent A. Hemming ...	7
*T. R. Hampton (R.N.A.S.)	4	George E. Fearn	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal of Major. The conductor's 400th peal.

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FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN ...	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER ...	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE ...	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
ALBERT E. WHITING ...	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE ...	*Treble*	†WILLIAM YATES	5
ALBERT J. GREEN ...	2	FRANK J. GREEN ...	6
THOMAS E. ROBERTS ...	3	*GEORGE E. GREEN ...	7
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND...	4	JOHN A. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.
* First of Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

KILBURN, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MAUD D. F. LANE ...	*Treble*	R. MARY DAVIES ...	5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	RICHARD H. GILBERT ...	6
ELSIE LANKESTER ...	3	ALFRED BONE	7
ALAN TOZER	4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal. Rung for the conductor's 25 years' service here.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

*MARGARET E. BEAMISH	*Treble*	FRANK TROTMAN	5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	2	LEONARD TREVOR ...	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	*JOHN E. MORETON ...	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	4	JOHN THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HAROLD FOLWELL ...	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN ...	5
†GEORGE RATHBONE ...	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	3	†WILLIAM H. MALE ...	7
ROBERT J. EDDEN ...	4	ERNEST H. BOSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parkers' Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER J. CLOUGH ...	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER ...	5
FRANK K. MEASURES ...	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	6
*RALPH MAYNE	3	CECIL E. CARR	7
HECTOR A. KNIGHT ...	4	FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ...	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	†STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	6
WILLIAM ROGERS ...	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ...	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	5
*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	2	*CHARLES W. LAWTON...	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in this method. In memoriam Mr. H. Langley.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

*REGINALD ABBOT ...	*Treble*	HERBERT G. PRATT ...	5
*MRS. F. E. COLLINS ...	2	FRANK E. MITCHELL ...	6
ROYDON DAVIES	3	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	7
*WILLIAM F. OATWAY ...	4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRED E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Major. A welcome to Canon C. F. Tonks.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	6
TOM WILDE	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	7
SELWYN DEARDEN ...	4	FRED DUNKERLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 20 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	*Treble*	LEONARD TUFFREY	5
*T. R. HAMPTON, R.N.A.S.	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
H. JAMES TURNER ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR D. COOK ...	4	WM. T. FROGGATT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

PHILIP BARNES ...	*Treble*	GEORGE THOMPSON ...	5
GEORGE W. MOODY ...	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	6
*RONALD TRAVISS ...	3	JACK BRAY	7
†ARTHUR CROWDER ...	4	FRED JEFFERY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. In memoriam Rupert Richardson, on the first anniversary of his death.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILFRED W. RING ...	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL ...	5
HARRY BAKER	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' Tenor 24 cwt.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT DISERENS ...	*Treble*	MARK ROSIER	5
*MISS PEGGY E. HART ...	2	RAYMOND G. BURTON ...	6
S. FRANK TUFFLEY ...	3	REGINALD F. CROOK ...	7
CHARLES J. GARDINER...	4	REGINALD W. REX ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

R.E.M.I JOHN V. DAVIS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Barrosa'	*Treble*		
*INST. LIEUT. JOSEPH MERRITT, R.N., H.M.S. 'Excellent'	2		
WRITER AUBREY D. MILLS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Victory'	3		
†C.P.O. A. LESLIE PEARSON, R.N., H.M.S. 'Glasgow'	4		
WRITER PHILIP H. SPECK, R.N., H.M.S. 'Battleaxe'	5		
INST. LT.-COMDR. R. G. CROSS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Excellent'	6		
O/SEAMAN BRUCE B. ROGERS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Glasgow'	7		
P.O. ERNEST F. SALMONS, R.N., H.M.S. 'Vernon II.'	*Tenor*		

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by LT.-COMDR. R. G. CROSS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The first peal ever rung by serving officers and rating of the Royal Navy.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ALEC HAFFENDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
CHARLES BRASIER	2	FRANK HAMMOND	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	HAROLD HINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BRASIER.
First peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
T. R. HAMPTON, R.N.A.S.	4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*ALLAN SMITH	*Treble*	ALWYN TAYLOR	5
†GEORGE NEWTON	2	‡JAMES TAYLOR	6
WM. O. ROWLAND	3	FRANK APPLETON	7
SIMEON K. TAYLOR	4	†MISS M. LEACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK APPLETON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A welcome to the Rev. F. M. Buffett, Vicar.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM JUDGE	*Treble*	*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5
*MARGARET L. TUTT	2	WM. C. PORTER	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
†EDWIN G. MOORE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	‡JACK BARKER	5
MARY ELKINS	2	†A. RICHARD ELKINS	6
†DOREEN WILDE	3	TOM WILDE	7
FRANCES M. LAFLIN	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by TOM WILDE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD A. MAY	*Treble*	HAROLD F. WOOD	5
HERBERT G. ANDREWS	2	ERIC T. LEE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	4	FREDK. A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS J. FOWLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. JUDD	5
GEORGE MARTIN	2	JESSE E. ALDRIDGE	6
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER	3	*ERNEST E. GOSLING	7
WILLIAM WALKER	4	*HARRY ASHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 17 cwt.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	COLIN W. REED	6
PETER ANGER	3	DAVID R. REED	7
RONALD MARLOW	4	LESLIE A. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 9½ cwt.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
G. WM. CRITCHLEY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight six-scores each of Old, Plain Bob and April Day and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*MRS. E. FORD	*Treble*	†W. J. GAIT	4
MRS. T. KIMBER	2	F. SAVAGE	5
MRS. J. NAISH	3	J. NAISH	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SAVAGE.
* First peal. † First six-bell peal. First in four methods by all except conductor. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. J. Chick, an old ringer.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents: (1) Ipswich; (2) Bourne; (3) York; (4) Durham; (5) Surfleet; (6) Beverley; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH SPAVINS	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Treble*	HARRY PARKER	4
ERIC HORNBY	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
*MISS ELIZABETH MORTON	3	REGINALD W. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD W. WORRALL.
* First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Norwich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT E. LAKER ...	*Treble*	*RAYMOND P. WOOD ...	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY... ...	2	*CECIL LONGHURST ...	5
*ERNEST TREAGUS	3	LEONARD STILWELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

F. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
*RONALD W. PANKHURST	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells for 28 years.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 20 lb.

PHYLLIS. M. MAYNE	*Treble*	†RALPH E. W. WENBAN	4
*H. GEORGE HART	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
†WILLIAM WENBAN	3	CECIL C. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.
* First peal of Minor. † First seven method Minor peal.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

C. PICKERING	*Treble*	MISS F. M. PRICE ...	4
H. G. DWELLY	2	F. A. ADAMS	5
J. W. PRICE	3	*G. C. BRIGGS... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. C. BRIGGS.
* First peal of Minor. For the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Price.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

HARRY C. JONES ...	*Treble*	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4
HARRY WINGROVE	2	ROLAND BIGGS	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
First peal as conductor.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

BERNARD H. DALTON	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	4
HAROLD BARSLEY	2	*HORACE BENNETT	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	3	CYRIL WANDER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The first Royal Navy peal, rung at Fareham, was actually planned by Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross in 1939, but was stopped by the outbreak of war. The company would like to associate with the peal Commissioned Mechanician Cecil L. Grey, who is at present serving in the Home Fleet based at Portland and could not be included.

Congratulations to Mr. George E. Fearn on ringing his 400th peal.

The coming-of-age of Mr. Philip M. J. Gray was celebrated by his ringing his first of Surprise Royal at Croydon on January 17th.

The order to rehang the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury, has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Captain of Hungerford tower is Mr. William Wiggins. He was able to listen to a peal of Bob Major on his 84th birthday.

Mr. Harry Ashton, of Maidenhead, has accepted an appointment with the Doncaster Borough Council. For his farewell peal he turned in the tenor to Double Norwich.

Messrs. J. L. Millhouse, S. A. Chambers, W. Tomlinson, K. W. Mayer and J. Freeman, of Lincoln, have rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Twin brothers, Messrs. W. J. Clough and J. E. Clough, of Burbage, Leicestershire, had birthday honours paid them by the peal at Claybrooke.

The Editor has closed the voluminous correspondence on Essex peal deletions. No fewer than four letters were typed on the same typewriter, although being sent in from different towns or villages.

The peal at Rotherfield was specially arranged to allow Mr. Charles Brasier to conduct his first peal on his 73rd birthday, and by ringing the second he has 'completed the circle.' It was an all local band performance, the first here for 36 years.

At the age of 12, George W. Pipe has rung his first peal of London, and he is probably the youngest ringer to achieve this honour. The conductor, Mr. L. C. Wightman, describes George's performance as masterly.

Mr. William Woodyatt, of Bromyard, Herefordshire, is leaving for South America. Bon voyage was said by a peal of Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. Alfred J. Lee, who learnt to ring at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, rang his first peal on the bells with one of 17 methods.

Another of P.H.'s cartoons appears this week. Of course, the answer to the question will be found in 'College Youths,' Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's masterpiece.

Sussex Association has lost one of its oldest members by the death of Mr. Edmund Lindup at the age of 78. He had been leader of the Heene band for 62 years.

With reference to the peal of Doubles at King's Bromley on January 3rd, the conductor was Miss Joan Beresford and not as reported.

Five of the participants in the peal at Kilburn were pupils of the conductor, Mr. E. M. Atkins. In commending Miss Maud Lane on her first peal, he writes: 'The treble weighs 162 lb. only, and is thus not everybody's cup of tea.'

Mr. Reuben Sanders rang his 50th peal on the bells of Southwark Cathedral on January 17th and his 125th peal on 12 bells. His record of twelve-bell work reads: Stedman Cinques 75, Cambridge Maximus 42, Treble Bob Maximus 4, Superlative Maximus 2, Yorkshire Maximus 1, Cambridge and Superlative Spliced 1.

Errata. — In the peal at Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire, reported in our last issue, the ringer of the seventh was the conductor, Mr. James E. Burles. Mr. Frank E. Pervin did not ring in this peal. We deeply regret the error.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In my notes last week on the method of splicing complete six-scores into a 240, I inadvertently omitted to say that, on a rigorous interpretation of the C.C. recommendations regarding peals of Doubles, it is not permissible to include extents or 240's (a) which do not begin at and end with rounds at backstroke; (b) which are not rung in one piece without interruption.

The whole question of Doubles in peals is rather anomalous, and was the subject of correspondence in 'The Ringing World' at the end of 1939. For instance, one of the recommended 240's in the Doubles and Minor Collection consists of a six-score interpolated into another six-score virtually in its entirety.

However, I should be very sorry indeed if I had been the means of causing an inexperienced conductor to break the rules, and to imperil the recognition of his performance. Until such time as another ruling may be given by the C.C., therefore, the handstroke position cannot be used in peals, though it may be used in touches for the sake of much-needed variety.—Yours faithfully, A. J. CORRIGAN.

Bitton.

APRIL DAY MINOR?

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Gait's letter, a true 720 can be called using the ordinary bobs as in Plain Bob and Grandsire Singles, by calling a single every time the 3 is about to make seconds and adding bobs when 23 dodge together the right way in 5-6. In such a 720 all the 65's come at handstroke.

Surely, however, the prospect of six consecutive blows in 6ths place, or four in thirds, is enough to deter any band from wishing to ring such a 720.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN P. LINDLEY.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

TRURO CATHEDRAL'S 16 BELLS

Sir,—Mr. R. F. Deal tells us that St. Paul's possesses 17 bells. It may interest readers to know that Truro Cathedral has one less of that number. Besides the famous Taylor ring of ten in the north-west tower, there are six bells in the tower with the green spire, which is the modern tower of old St. Mary's Church. These consist of old St. Mary's tenor, now the hour bell, but is hung for ringing and was last rung on Armistice Day, 1918. It weighs about 18 cwt., has a very fine tone, and is about 250 years old. Then there is an older bell weighing about 5 cwt., which has not been heard at all for several years, and four modern Taylor bells for the Westminster quarters. This tower is not an ideal place for bells to sound their best, and it is hoped one day that the clock and bells will be moved to the central tower.—Yours truly,

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

St. Crantock Vicarage, Cornwall.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Dear Sir,—With reference to letter by Mr. Knight in issue dated January 30th re 'membership qualification,' the following as applied to myself, also countless others, may, without much reading between the lines, answer the objection raised.

Years ago (more than I like to remember), when but a few weeks old, and unable even to sneak, I was, through baptism, made a member of the Church of England, and later on, when able to understand things more fully, accepted, through Confirmation, as a full member of that same Church. In the ensuing years, with the help of that body and its associated members, I have, not by ringing only, but in other offices, endeavoured to live the ideals of that calling.

Without enlarging upon the above, what might have been the result if, because of my lack of understanding in the first place, I had been refused membership?—Yours sincerely.

Sutton Valence, Kent. F. S. MACEY.

DOUBLE NORWICH COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—The composer of peal No. 41 in the C.C. Double Norwich Collection has just discovered that it is labelled 'false' in the list of errata. He points out to me that the peal is perfectly true, and that although the course ends are printed correctly, both calling and instructions are at fault. In justice to an old ringer and composer, now, alas, an invalid, would you be good enough to print the correct figures as appended, so that possessors of the collection may make the necessary alterations?—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

23456	1	4	6
42356			2
53246	S		S
32546			1
45236	1		1
62534		S	S
25364	S		1
23564			S

Omit S at 4 in one part of the first half peal, and in the corresponding part of the second half peal.

H. H. Tucker.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

At the annual meeting at Irthlingborough on January 24th, there was a record attendance of 90 ringers and friends from 25 parishes.

The Vicar of Bozeat (the Rev. S. F. W. Powell) accepted the office of president, and Mr. J. Shatford (Wellingborough) was elected representative to the Central Committee. Other officers were re-elected. First peal certificates were presented to three Irthlingborough youths.

The Rector of Irthlingborough, who conducted the service and presided over the business meeting, was elected an honorary member, and three new ringing members from Bozeat and one from Higham Ferrers were also elected.

Mr. C. P. Osler has been re-elected as captain of the Bramley (Hants) ringers for the 25th year. Writes the tower correspondent: We hope that the second 25 years may be as happy and successful as his first have been.

Three of the foremost change ringers at Holywood, Northern Ireland, have sailed for Rochester, U.S.A. They are Mr. John Savage and his two sons, Nathaniel and Joseph.



What's a College Youth, Dad?

Peal Ringing in 1947

Peal ringing during the latter part of 1947 reached proportions that would compare favourably with the best pre-war years. The record for 1947 so far received at this office is:—

Tower bells	...	...	1,955
Handbells	...	...	221
			2,176

Comparative figures are: 1946, 1,797 peals (240 in hand); 1945. 1,304 peals (178 in hand).

Monthly totals for 1947 are as follow: January, tower 126, hand 14; February, 92, 9; March, 126, 12; April, 163, 17; May, 182, 19; June, 139, 24; July, 116, 21; August, 152, 18; September, 150, 17; October, 160, 24; November, 331, 18; December, 218, 28.

Leading Association for tower-bell ringing is Lancashire with 133, followed by Kent with 128 and Cheshire 113. If handbells are taken into consideration, Kent is placed first with 136; there were no handbell peals rung for the Lancashire Association in 1947. Fourth Association is Oxford Diocesan with 110.

KEMPSTON, BEDS

The Archdeacon of Bedford dedicated two new bells at Kempston Parish Church on Jan. 25th in the presence of a full congregation, which included 61 ringers.

The local company rang the last touch on the six before the service and also a few rounds after dedication. Some really good ringing was enjoyed.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank supplied the new bells and Mr. A. Hughes was congratulated on making a really good splice. The new bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble: E. P. Inskip, leader, 1946.

2: T. H. W. Barker, Vicar, 1946.

Of the other six bells, one is dated 1633, and the tenor, by Hugh Watts, Leicester, 1603.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

When the quarterly district meeting was held at Rainham salutations were given to the old brigade. First to be congratulated was 82-year-old Mr. C. Belsey, who completes this year 51 years' membership of the Association and was until recently captain of the Rainham band.

Another octogenarian member of Rainham is Mr. W. J. Walker, who claims 52 years' membership and still climbs the tower twice every Sunday to call the people to worship.

The secretary was asked to convey congratulations to Mr. H. E. Simpson, captain of the Sittingbourne band, who this year completes 60 years' membership and is also a regular Sunday service ringer.

Five new members were elected. About 70 members were present, the service being conducted by the Rev. F. W. Jordan.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The January meeting was held at St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, with its unusual tower standing on the main road with an arch built over the footpath for pedestrians. The bells are rung the opposite way round and are a light musical six (tenor 16 cwt.), but rather noisy in the bell chamber. A great improvement would be the construction of an extra light deadening floor to check the sound.

The business meeting at Holy Trinity vestry was presided over by Mr. G. F. Williams. A lucid account of his investigation of the bells of all Saints', Duffield, was given by Mr. F. Huddleston. In spite of over 60 years of neglect, he found the general conditions satisfactory. The Vicar promised to have the tower examined by an architect. Voluntary help would be required to swing the bells for observations as to vibration and loose masonry. Offers of help for this and promises of ropes were readily forthcoming.

Three new members were elected. In the evening ringing on the ten bells at Holy Trinity was enjoyed.

OBITUARY

MR. HUGH DUNSTAN.

Mr. Hugh Dunstan, for many years treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, died on January 31st. He was 76, but was quite active until the day before he died. He was born at Churchtown Farm, Towednack, where he had lived all his life until he retired from farming just over two years ago, when he went to live at St. Ives. He had been, and still was, churchwarden at Towednack for over fifty years, and had done much for the church. It was only in November last that the six bells were rededicated, and two trebles added at his expense. Seeing the completion of this had given him great delight, and within three weeks they have been rung half-muffled, first for the late Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Streeter, and then for him.

The funeral took place on Feb. 3rd, and the church would not hold all who attended. There was a large gathering of Freemasons. The Vicar of Towednack with Zennor (the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield) conducted the service, Canon C. H. S. Buckley (Gulval) read the lesson, and the Rev. A. S. Roberts the committal. Ringers attended from Gulval, Ludgvan and Carbis Bay. Immediately after the service 336 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by V. Wood 1, Miss M. L. Lidgey 2, Miss E. Symons 3, H. Miles 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 6, G. W. Taysom 7, W. Wood 8. The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (Diocesan Secretary), Mr. W. H. Southeard (Master) and Mr. H. J. Clark were prevented from attending.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD

Officers re-elected at the annual meeting of the Guild at Hawkhurst on January 17th were: President, the Rev. H. Thorton; chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. L. Pope; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Gorringe; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Tappenden; assistant secretary, Miss H. Gorringe; committee, Mr. W. Gorringe, Mr. R. Tappenden, Mrs. C. Hannington, Mr. G. Waters, Miss A. Woods and Mr. M. Cloke.

Five new members—Miss Gill, Mr. Pilbeam, Mrs. Bassett, Mr. F. Tomlin, Miss Woods—were elected.

The business meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. G. Waters for entertaining the company to tea. The meeting sent its good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. F. Rummery (a local ringer), who is in hospital at Lenham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-EAST DIVISION.

Visitors to the North-East Division annual meeting at Mistley on January 17th included Mr. R. G. Heazel (general secretary), who presided at the business meeting.

The 36 ringers present stood in silence in memory of Mr. G. Ellis, District Master. His successor is Mr. G. Waterman, and Mr. H. J. Millatt was re-elected secretary, and Messrs. A. Andrews and G. Moss committee. New ringing members are Messrs. D. Andrews, J. Butler, R. Duesbury and F. Southgate, and probationers the Misses Pamela Peck and Jean Constance (Harwich). Mr. A. Gillings was elected non-resident member.

Mr. A. Auston conducted the service, and the wives of local ringers arranged a very good tea.

NORTH-WEST DIVISION.

For the annual meeting of the Division at Harlow there was an attendance of 38. The hon. secretary reported that 1947 had been a very successful year with increases of membership and towers in affiliation to the Association.

The Master (Miss Snowden), secretary and committee were re-elected and eight new members admitted. The meeting supported Miss Snowden's amendment to alter the date of the Association's annual general meeting at Chelmsford.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, LONDON.—On January 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Cutler 1, Lieut. J. D. Richard (first quarter inside) 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, E. Taylor 4, K. Brown (cond.) 5, F. A. Finch 6.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Hunt 1, H. A. Nobes 2, J. Merrett 3, E. A. Jurd 4, F. W. Bishop (first in method) 5, S. E. Cook 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, F. G. Barron 8.

AYLESFORD, KENT.— On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Homewood 1, Miss R. Upton 2, E. S. J. Hatcher 3, J. Homewood 4, L. Wells 5, J. Upton (first as cond.) 6, G. Avis 7, A. Green 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Groves' Variation: H. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, E. J. Fry 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, E. White 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, Ken Medway 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Merrett.

BICKER, LINCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. B. Fovargue 1, R. Howard 2, C. Wander (cond.) 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. P. Morriss 5, G. R. Dawson 6.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Baxter 1, A. H. Idle 2, G. E. Watson 3, L. W. Kilborn 4, C. Bird 5, B. Austin 6, R. H. Idle (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. First quarter for 2, 4 and 7.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, F. Smallwood 2, H. Belcher 3, M. Chilcott 4, J. Stephenson 5, J. Sansom 6, W. Langdon 7, W. J. Paice 8, R. Cousten 9, J. Chilcott (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal for 4, 5 and 6.

GILLINGHAM, DORSET. — On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Deverill 1, A. Rothwell 2, H. P. Sparks 3, G. Talbot 4, F. A. Coward (cond.) 5, J. Gray 6, E. G. Coward 7, P. O. Baker 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 18th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. M. Stepney (12) 1, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (14) 2, M. G. Collins (13) (first inside) 3, F. H. Hicks 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Silver 1, R. Grimwood 2, J. Gill 3, G. Curtis 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Brent 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, E. Colcombe 8. First quarter by 1 and 6.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. H. F. Warren (first quarter) 1, R. Stone 2, C. Tarr (cond.) 3, R. Winter 4, D. Bellamy 5, H. Comming 6.

LAUNTON, OXON. — On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Gregory 1, F. Sharpe (cond.) 2 and 3, E. Smith 4, H. Massey 5, H. Gregory 6. First quarter by 1 and 5, and first quarter double-handed by conductor.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Webb 1, P. Bousford 2, Miss J. Beresford 3, F. A. Sedgwick 4, D. Beresford 5, W. J. Cope 6, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 7, M. N. Culling 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. Williams 1, W. Townshend 2, B. Patmore 3, A. Phillips 4, N. Patmore 5, S. Carter (cond.) 6. In memoriam W. H. Lawrence.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. A. Corby 1, P. A. Corby 2, G. A. Parsons 3, F. A. Barker 4, A. E. Hoare 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, T. J. Lock (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Clifford 8.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 18th at St. Maurice's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1 and 2 leading: C. Richards 1, J. Parsons 2, A. Cawse 3, G. Lavers 4, W. Hayman 5, R. Southwood 6, W. Lavers (cond.) 7, D. Rice 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5.

STOKE-ON-TRENT. — On Jan. 18th, 1,104 Minor (720 Cambridge, 240 Kent, 144 Oxford): Miss M. Rigby 1, A. Peake 2, C. H. Page 3, F. E. Wilshaw 4, W. P. Deane (cond.) 5, N. R. Holland 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS. — On Jan. 18th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, A. Sheppard 2, Wm. E. Simpson 3, G. Rigby 4, C. Geary 5, D. Carlisle 6, P. L. Parrott 7, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1 and 2.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX. — At Christ Church on Jan. 18th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss M. A. Prockson (first on ten) 1, A. W. Coles 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, R. Charge 5, R. H. Begrie 6, H. Miller 7, J. G. Nash 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. E. Clarke 1, G. V. Deacon 2, J. L. Willars 3, A. Patrick 4, A. E. Bodycote (first in method) 5, W. A. Riddington 6, C. Marshall (cond.) 7, E. J. Jelley 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons 2, W. Dickenson 3, S. Smedley 4, F. A. Adam 5, A. B. Cooper 6, G. C. Briggs (cond.) 7, W. Allwood 8. In memoriam Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. White, wife and mother respectively of W. T. Palmer and A. White, members of the local company.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 1, F. J. Daniell 2, H. Bishop 3, G. Wells 4, T. Townsend 5, W. Carter 6, W. W. Danniell 7, E. Vincent 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, W. H. Trueman 3, W. E. Court 4, I. H. Trueman 5, T. Townsend 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 1 and 8.

STROUD, GLOS. — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Doris Shepperd 1, G. Latham 2, A. Harmer (first on eight) 3, B. Latham 4, T. Price 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, R. Thain 7, T. Pritchard 8.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON. — At St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. J. Hill 1, Joan Yearsely 2, E. T. Chapman 3, Helen Gardner 4, G. Carter 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Dolley 1, C. N. Leman 2, G. Seaman 3, A. R. Dawes 4, R. G. Bell 5, S. H. Hoare (cond.) 6, H. G. Timms 7, F. H. Crook 8. First of Major by 1 and 3.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Payne (first of Doubles) 1, R. J. Bowden 2, L. H. May 3, J. Upton 4, P. J. Mayne (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bond 1, A. J. North 2, F. W. Slocombe 3, C. J. Stevens 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Rhodes 1, J. Curwin 2, B. Thomas 3, Bryan Thomas 4, P. Coote 5, G. Preston (cond.) 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chaddock 8. In memoriam G. W. Brothwell, R.A.F.V.R., former ringer.

WINDSOR.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Drewitt (first quarter) 1, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 2, T. Smith 3, A. Smith 4, K. Buckingham (first quarter) 5, A. J. Glass 6, N. V. Harding 7, G. Adcock 8. A farewell to N. V. Harding.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Lovell 1, W. G. Hartnell 2, A. Turner 3, W. Hartnell 4, C. W. J. Tarr 5, F. Casley 6, G. Sparkes (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. First in method by 1, 6 and 8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch, held at Terrington St. John on Jan. 17th, Mr. E. Barker presided, when the following officers were elected: President, Archdeacon Evans; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Cousins; deputy, Mr. E. H. Mastin; district secretary, Mr. W. Buckenham. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Sturgiss-Jones).

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH HAS 200 MEMBERS.

Seventeen towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch on January 24th. In the afternoon the bells of St. Peter's and Fordington St. George were available for the visiting ringers, who afterwards attended the ringers' service at St. Peter's, conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby.

After tea at the St. Peter's Institute, the annual meeting was held. The branch secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, of Abbotsbury, reported a year of continued progress, during which for the first time the membership had exceeded 200. Of this total 171 were ringing members and Mr. Hayne expressed his pleasure that so many of the new members were young folk whose interest in change ringing had led to many requests to the Ringing Master for instruction. The chief event of the year had been the installation of a fine ring of six at Martinstown as the village's war memorial. The only peal of the year was a half-muffled one of Grandsire Doubles at Martinstown on Remembrance Sunday. In addition there were four quarter-peals, two at Dorchester St. Peter's, and at Abbotsbury and Upwey. He referred to the death of two ringing members, Mr. Peter Johnson, a young ringer at St. Peter's, and Mr. H. Coombs, who had been actively connected with ringing in Dorchester for over 50 years.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby was re-elected chairman, and on Canon D. F. Slemeck (Rural Dean of Abbotsbury) tendering his resignation as vice-chairman, the Archdeacon of Sherborne, the Ven. J. C. Chute, was elected to that office. The Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Precey, of Bovington, was re-elected and thanked for his great efforts for the branch. Both the deputy ringing master, Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, and the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne, were also reappointed and thanked.

The branch also decided to give £10 towards the appeal being raised to rehang the bells of Fordington St. George at a cost of £220, and it was stated that almost half the total needed had been raised since November.

The branch made a good start for 1948 with the election of another 14 new members from the towers at Abbotsbury, Fordington St. George, Wyke Regis, Sydling St. Nicholas and Upwey.

During 1948 meetings will be held at Abbotsbury, Stratton, Maiden Newton and Wyke Regis, with the fortnightly practices at Dorchester unless otherwise arranged.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTH OXON BRANCH.

Despite showery conditions, a well-attended and representative gathering of members and visitors took place at Dorchester, Oxon, on January 24th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the South Oxon Branch.

The bells of the famous Abbey Church were rung prior to the service, conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the address being given by the branch chairman (the Rev. F. B. Girling). Appropriately the lesson was read by the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz), whose father was a former Vicar of Dorchester.

It is a great pity that this noble ring of bells is silent on Sundays, as there is no regular band of ringers resident in Dorchester. Another disappointment was to find that no one was present from Dorchester at the meeting, which was specially held there with the object of stirring up enthusiasm.

It was, however, gratifying to know that a young band of ringers had been formed at Watlington, and nine new members from Watlington and Benson were elected that day.

Derbyshire Association

ILKESTON DISTRICT FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

In response to a very hearty invitation from Mr. P. L. Parrott and the Sandiacre band, the first annual meeting of the district was held there on January 17th, most of the churches in the district being represented. For the occasion Sandiacre members had redecorated the ringing chamber. Ringing on this splendid six ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise. A short service, conducted by the Rector, who gave a very thoughtful address, was much appreciated. Over 30 sat down to an excellent tea, arranged by Mr. P. L. Parrott.

At the business meeting following, the officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. James F. George; committee, Mr. P. L. Parrott, Mr. A. Hickton; secretary, Mr. F. W. Shaw. Thanks were tendered to Mr. E. C. Gobey, Ringing Master, for his very efficient services during the year, and hope was expressed that both he and his son, Mr. E. F. Gobey (Assistant Ringing Master) would long continue in office. Mr. Gobey, in his reply, appealed to members to endeavour to advance the art in the higher methods and not to be content merely with plain method ringing.

New members were elected, the total membership showing an increase on the year. A programme of monthly meetings for 1948 was adopted.

JOINT MEETING AT PUDSEY

The Leeds transport workers' strike reduced the attendance at the joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Leeds Society at Pudsey on January 31st to about 40. The Rev. E. C. Manby, Vicar, presided over the business meetings.

The Leeds Society admitted to membership Messrs. J. A. Bowers, C. Charlton, C. Eaglen, H. Lawn, Misses N. Hartley, B. Daniels, M. Rhodes and E. Bickerdike (Kippax), Messrs. C. Vesey and L. Naylor, Misses M. Lingard, H. Walker, J. Gledhill, of Bradford Cathedral, John Shaw (Guiseley) and A. Johnson (St. Chad's, Headingley).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. O. Whitehouse. Mr. W. Barton replied and promised to pass on to the wardens the vote of thanks.

The next Leeds Society meeting is due to be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, and the Ladies Guild have been invited to visit the Chesterfield district in March.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Miss Reeve, of Hockwold, a member of the Lakenheath company, is the new secretary of the Mildenhall District, her election taking place at the branch annual meeting at Newmarket on January 31st. Mr. S. Brown, of Exning, was elected Ringing Master.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. A. Gillings called for unstinted support for Miss Reeve in her new office to enable her to pull Mildenhall district out of the rut into which it had unfortunately fallen.

THE WEBBS OF LYMINGE

January 29th was the 90th birthday of Mrs. E. E. Webb, of Lyminge, near Folkestone. As a compliment to her nine members of the family rang the bells at Lyminge Church. They were Jennifer Webb (9), Margaret Webb (12), Elizabeth Webb (16), Thomas Webb (16), Frank C. W. Knight (grandchildren), Alec A. G. Webb, Gordon L. Webb, Robert E. S. Webb and Antonio J. Webb (sons).

At the family gathering later a toast was drunk to Mrs. Webb, whose late husband Thomas and late son Frank were also ringers at Lyminge. Other members of Thomas Webb's family were ringers at various churches on Romney Marsh.

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MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Ewhurst, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Bull's Head. — Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3009

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 14th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.15.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3004

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield Branch.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Feb. 14th. Bells from 2.30. Names for tea to G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley. 3023

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts. — Joint meeting, Bulkington Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. L. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, near Nuneaton. 3014

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting at Tilehurst, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5, followed by meeting. 3027

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Tonbridge (8), Feb. 14th, 3. Tea 5, Carlton Cafe. Committee will meet after. Names to Mr. H. Trumper, 2, Mill Crescent, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 3036

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. 3032

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th, Good Shepherd, Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 3031

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.— Ringing meeting at the Cathedral Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3040

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Yalding (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3045

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Annual meeting, Chichester, Feb. 21st. 2.30. Service and tea. Names (by 19th) to E. Treagus 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3028

RINGERS' 'AT HOME' and service at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 5 to 6.30 p.m. followed by special ringers' Evensong. Ringing after service. We need your support. Will tower secretaries please note and send representatives?—Ernest J. Rowe, Hon. Sec. 2989

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 S. Nicolas'. Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, limited to the first 70 names received by A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Annual district meeting, Heston, Feb. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. C. Chandler, 44, New Heston Road, Hounslow, by Feb. 19th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320. 2997

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Alphington (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 17th.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 3054

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. —J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 3048

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Cups of tea only.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3052

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—South Wingfield (6), Feb. 21st. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Wheeler, Beech House, Oakerthorpe, Derby, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 18th. Executive, important. 3055

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 18th H. J. Hobbs, 2, Council Houses, Moorend, Slimbridge, Glos. 3056

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery Branch. — Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, Feb. 21st, 4 p.m. Portbury bells available 6 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3058

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, 3 p.m., Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for names sent by 18th to G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton Leics. 3059

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — On Saturday, Feb. 21st, St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. St. Stephen's (6) from 4 to 5 p.m. No tea arrangements. — T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3061

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Westminster. 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3062

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting, Launton, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bicester (8) after tea. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3045

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton (8), on Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. It is hoped that the memorial to the late Mr. H. S. Brocklebank will be ready for dedication immediately after service.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3060

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, 18th.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 3071

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service, St. Leonard's, 4.30. Business meeting 5.45. Regret no facilities available for tea.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 3070

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barkby, Feb. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea only.—H. Morton. 3069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO. GUILD. — Christchurch Branch. — Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 21st, Hinton Admiral, five bell practice, 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, ten and twelve bell practice, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea, Warren Cafe, Christchurch, 5.15.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3066

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Thorne, Feb. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5. Notify J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, by Feb. 19th. 3065

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Trumpington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at The Green Man. Committee please attend. —H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3063

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Watlington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3064

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting at Cheshunt, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me before Tuesday, Feb. 24th, please. — H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Guild Committee will meet at Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 3 p.m. —Robert G. Black, Guild Hon. Sec. 3057

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to M. Ginn, Station Road, Over, by 25th.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3051

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Those wishing for tea, please notify Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, by Feb. 25th.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—The 60th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 6th, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid up ringing members 4s. each, to other members and friends 8s. 6d. each. Early application essential, with remittance, to T. H. Reeves, hon. sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11. 3041

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Ipswich, St. Clement's, St. Lawrence's, St. Mary Quay, March 6th. Please book the date. Details later. — Edward Ellenger, Dis. Sec. 3051

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BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

Mr. George Williams, the Guild Master, made the journey to Basingstoke for the district annual on January 31st, when over 100 ringers were present. Mr. G. Chesterman (district secretary) reported a membership of 7 honorary and 135 ringing.

The Archdeacon (the Ven. A. W. Chute) was elected district chairman and other officers were re-elected. A change took place in representation on the Executive Committee, Mr. E. Austin taking the place of Mr. C. W. Munday, who is leaving the district. Quarterly meetings were provisionally arranged for Sherborne St. John, Upton Grey and Deane with Oakley. Good use was made of both St. Michael's and All Saints' towers, the ringing including Cambridge and London Surprise.

The address at the service was given by the Rev. J. E. Brashaw, of Shenfield.

SOLIHULL'S VETERAN

The man behind the scenes at St. Alphege's, Solihull, is Mr. John Bragg, for many years the towerkeeper and a ringer for 54 years. The excellent going of the bells and the comfort and orderliness of the belfry appointments are well known.

Opportunity was taken on his 70th birthday for his fellow ringers to express their high regard. A supper and a social evening were spent on Feb. 3rd, and Mr. H. Shepherd presented Mr. Bragg with an illuminated address and wished him many years of health and good ringing. Others paying tribute were the Rector, the Ringing Master and Mr. Roland Bragg.

On February 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung, followed by 70 rounds, by W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, C. Bragg 3, J. N. Jukes 4, T. Warner 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, H. Bragg 8, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

The best attendance on record was present at the annual meeting of the Bolton Branch on January 31st. An encouraging sign was the election of 12 new members. Re-elected hon. secretary for the 30th year, Mr. Peter Crook announced that this was his last year in office. Most methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

ST. MICHAEL'S, HAWKSHEAD.

At the invitation of the Vicar, the Bishop of Penrith, ringers and probationers of St. Michael's, Hawkshead, were entertained on January 29th in honour of the 77th birthday of their captain, Mr. C. E. Webb, who has been a ringer at the church for over 60 years. Also honoured was Mr. Robin Shuttleworth (deputy captain) on his 50th birthday and 25 years' ringing in the same tower.

After ringing, which included Queens and firing the bells, the Vicar gave a short address in the belfry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

One new tower, Great Mongeham, with four members, was elected in union with the Association at the quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District at Deal on January 24th. New members elected totalled 21.

The Rev. E. D. Bowser conducted the service, and an excellent tea was arranged by Mr. H. Ansell, the 70 members and friends being waited on by ringers' wives. Ringing was at Deal and Walmer.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Single and Double Court; (4) Plain and Double Bob; (5) Single Oxford; (6) Double Oxford; (7) St. Clement's.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	4
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN... ...	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. EDWARD WOODYATT	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WOODYATT ...	4
GEORGE T. ROSS	2	FREDERICK MERRICK ...	5
THOMAS COOPER	3	*ARTHUR F. WALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT E. DAVIES	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON...	4
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	2	JOHN D. ROCK	5
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
An extent each of College Exercise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

BETTY SPICE	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE ...	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARGARET RIGBY	*Treble*	R. H. DOVE	4
C. H. PAGE	2	W. P. DEAN	5
F. W. WILSHAW	3	N. R. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Minor.

WEST HATCH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 21 of Stedman and 21 of Grandsire.

EDGAR QUICKE	*Treble*	JOAN SUMMERHAYES ...	3
FREDERICK CASELY ...	2	GEORGE SPARKES	4
HARRY PURCHASE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*HERBERT MOORE	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW...	4
FREDERICK LEECH ...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN F. BUTLER	3	ROBERT DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.
* First peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDK. S. SLATFORD ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. MORTIMER...	4
SYDNEY G. GRANT	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	5
HARRY PROUT	3	WILLIAM C. WEST ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two Morris' 240's, three Pitman's 240's, 32 six-scores, 11 callings.
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*KENNETH BRAKE	*Treble*	*H. REGINALD MOORE ...	4
†MRS. E. S. POWELL ...	2	JACK W. DREW	5
*WILLIAM WARR	3	*DENNIS TANNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE WHITE HORSE INN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

EDWIN JENNINGS	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	OLAVE E. BROYD	7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	JOHN FREEMAN	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7-8
JOHN WALDEN	9-10		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

SHERWOOD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ...	1-2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ...	5-6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3-4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpire: T. Groombridge, sen.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE	9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON ...	5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS	11-12

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

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 16, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

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

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
IN THE JUVENILE COURT, ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES:
Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	9-10
CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5-6	†SIDNEY HARRISON ...	11-12

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD

FORTY years ago—on Feb. 21st, 1908—the first peal by the Warwickshire Guild was rung at Stoke-in-Coventry. It was conducted by J. Frank Smallwood, who first suggested the formation of the Guild, and took an active part in its organisation. His story of the Guild's foundation—the predecessor of the Coventry Diocesan Guild—is below.

Forty-one years ago there was no territorial ringing society covering that part of Warwickshire containing Coventry, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Nuneaton and Rugby. The nearest societies were the St. Martin's Guild, which catered mainly for the Birmingham district, and the Midland Counties Association, which covered an enormous area, bounded in the north by Sheffield, in the east by Lincolnshire, in the west by Staffordshire, and the south by Birmingham. The Warwickshire towers seemed to be unfortunate in their isolation, and in 1907 I advocated, in a letter written to 'The Bell News' ('The Ringing World' had not then been born), the formation of a ringing association for Warwickshire. The idea was strongly supported by Harvey Reeves, the Editor. Feeling encouraged by this, I visited many towers in the district to gain further support, with varying results—Warwick and Rugby were very enthusiastic; Nuneaton, where there was an efficient company, were inclined to be hostile. They had rung many peals for the M.C.A. and were quite content to leave matters as they were.

Buses in those days were not numerous, and the usual means of getting from place to place was by cycling. Every evening of every week, wet or fine, I used to cycle from Coventry to take part in the local practices. On Monday it would be Rugby, where James George lived. (He was the proud possesser of a handsome black beard in those days.) He had been actively concerned in getting the heavy peal of eight installed in the new tower. Tuesday would see me on my way to Chilvers Coton, where a new peal of eight had been installed by Taylor's. Wednesday was practice night at Warwick, and there I used to meet the enthusiastic sexton, Ted Adams (who learned his ringing at Fulham), and where I had earlier met John D. Matthews (later Master of the Cumberlands), who was in those days a linotype operator working on the Warwick newspaper. I remember seeing John ringing 7-8 whilst coaching six others through their first efforts at Double Norwich on handbells.

Thursday was Nuneaton's practice night, and realising the importance of gaining support from this tower, I very rarely missed attending. Friday was the practice night at Stoke-in-Coventry, and much work had to be done there to raise a band strong enough for Grandsire Triples—so it was a pretty full time job to work up sufficient support.

After a few months, James George and A. L. Coleman, of Rugby, definitely promised their support, and shortly afterwards at Nuneaton Tom Chapman and Harry Argyle (whom I christened 'the heavenly twins,' because they were always together) came over to my way of thinking, and a meeting was planned to launch the new venture. Joseph H. White was doing some good and useful work at Nuneaton (where he was working at that time) by winning several of the ringers over to support the proposed Guild.

The meeting was duly held at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick, in November, 1907, and the Guild was founded with E. H. Adams as the Ringing Master and A. L. Coleman as Secretary. At first things did not move very swiftly, and it was not until February 21st, 1908, that I had the pleasure of conducting the first peal by the Guild—Grandsire Triples at Stoke-in-Coventry.

Shortly after this peal, Adolphus Roberts, a distinguished member of St. Michael's Youths, Gloucester, and Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Loughborough, took up residence in Coventry, and things began to move more quickly. Roberts very soon called the first peal of Stedman Triples, at Stoke, and Double Norwich soon followed. There was a young curate at Shottery, near Stratford, named the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and he soon joined in the activities and called the first peal of Treble Bob Major at Bedworth. Meantime Joseph Fenton and his band at Rugby had combined forces with the Coventry, and, along with Joseph H. White, helped to form a good Surprise band. Just at this period my work took me to another part of the country,

but before I left the district the Guild presented me with a very handsome set of tea china, which I still possess.

Joseph H. White acted for many years as secretary and later as Master, and has worked unceasingly for the benefit of the Guild. Frank W. Perrens has also played an important part in developing the Guild, and the present Master, Mr. F. E. Pervin, and secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, have shown themselves to be no less enthusiastic than their predecessors.

In nine years the Guild, which has changed its name to 'Coventry Diocesan Guild,' will be celebrating its jubilee. I hope I shall be spared to attend and meet the few surviving foundation members now left.

TEN BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

*PETER R. BLACKMAN	*Treble*	‡PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
†DAVID B. PARSONS	2	‡ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN	7
‡JILL BRITTAIN	3	R. GORDON CROSS	8
MARIE R. CROSS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	9
‡THOMAS A. BLOW	5	HARRY W. SIMMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First on ten and of Surprise. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Surprise Royal.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	*PETER BOND	6
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	7
THOMAS BEVAN	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	8
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES	4	GEORGE W. STEERE	9
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	†D. ALFRED KIRKBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST AND B.V.M.,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	*Treble*	FREDK. SOUTER	6
*GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
†FRANK V. GANT	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	8
JOHN E. GROVE	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	9
SYDNEY M. BAILEY	5	†COLLIN P. SUDDARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. Composition rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LAVENHAM. SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	FREDERICK BOREHAM	5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	2	LAWRENCE POULSON	6
MAURICE T. SYMONDS	3	OLIVER G. BARNARD	7
FREDK. A. POULSON	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat, Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOAN SALMONS	*Treble*	RONALD F. BURFORD	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	†ROY FAITHFULL	6
*KENNETH P. BURT	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS	7
*MAURICE J. BUTLER	4	*WILLIAM J. TRILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	*Treble*	ALFRED PRIOR	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	EDWARD D. SMITH	6
*JOHN ARMSTRONG	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
JAMES BULLOCK	4	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOHN W. ROLLISON	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
ERNEST GOWER	2	†PETER H. ROLLISON	6
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	3	RONALD W. PANKHURST	7
ROBERT W. PERCY	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

KEITH SALTER	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.
In memoriam the men of Kidderminster who fell during the war.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *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. in D.

PATRICIA HOLMES	*Treble*	RAYMOND PHILPOTT	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 704 Superlative, with 119 changes of method. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*M. E. H. PITSTOW	*Treble*	NORMAN HOBDEN	5
JILL BRITTAIN	2	ALBERT J. ADAMS	6
WINIFRED ADAMS	3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	7
HARRY CHEESMAN	4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. TOPP. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal. A compliment to Canon F. N. Skene (Vicar) on his 70th birthday.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*E. J. DAVEY	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
JOHN DEARLOVE	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. J. FINCH	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
The 200th peal on the bells, and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. R W. Matthews.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Herbert Perry ...	...*Treble*	*Francis J. Morris ...	5
Mrs. E. S. Powell ...	2	†Fredk. Welch	6
Reginald Beale	3	William G. Gigg... ...	7
John T. Locke	4	†Reginald Welch ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William G. Gigg.
* First peal 'inside' of Grandsire. † First peal on eight bells.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Reginald A. Reed	...*Treble*	John Willis	5
*Miss F. Godderidge...	2	Mark S. Lancefield ...	6
Fredk. G. Huckstepp...	3	Albert J. Lancefield ...	7
*Walter C. Chandler...	4	Thomas Cullingworth...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Robinson. Conducted by Reginald A. Reed.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. Tenor 7 cwt.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

Walter H. Poole	...*Treble*	Ronald W. Hayward ...	5
William G. Gigg	2	Reginald Beale	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Thomas J. Setter	7
William E. Turner ...	4	Herbert W. Pearce ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald Beale.
First peal as conductor on eight bells.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Six-part. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*Miss Margaret Rigby	*Treble*	Arnold G. Moore ...	5
†Geoffrey W. Beech (14)	2	Charles H. Page ...	6
†Geoffrey D. Whalley	3	Douglas R. Whalley ...	7
Edward Steele	4	‡David Sherratt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas R. Whalley.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*James H. Musson	...*Treble*	Cyril Wander	5
Harold Harper	2	John G. Ames	6
Sydney Jessop	3	Frank Dewey	7
Stanley E. Bennett ...	4	Bernard H. Dalton ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Dewey.
* First peal on eight bells.

BUCKLAND MONACHORUM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*Denis F. Wheeler	...*Treble*	G. Harry Myers	5
J. Harry Tippett ...	2	Thomas G. Myers ...	6
H. Frederick Myers...	3	A. William Myers ...	7
Alfred Mitchelmore ...	4	Sidney O'Shaughnessy...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Ewart A. Andrews	...*Treble*	‡Reginald W. Kyte ...	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Vincent A. Hemming ...	6
John Thomas	3	Robert A. Geden ...	7
†Thomas Abbot	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal on eight. † First peal 'inside' on eight. ‡ First peal.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*Edwin Sharratt ...	...*Treble*	Fredk. E. Wilshaw ...	5
*John G. Cartlidge ...	2	Arthur Peake	6
Robert S. Anderson ...	3	William P. Deane ...	7
Neville R. Holland ...	4	George W. Biddulph ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William P. Deane.
* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise Major by a North Staffordshire resident band.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Ronald E. Norris	...*Treble*	‡Francis J. Cheal	5
†Bert W. May	2	Thomas Beaumont ...	6
Fredk. Richardson ...	3	Victor A. Jarrett ...	7
*Trevor A. Cross ...	4	William A. J. Knight	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Wm. A. J. Knight.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. ‡ 50th peal. Tenor 25 cwt.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

James Hodgson ...	...*Treble*	Fredk. Seager	5
Ernest H. Simpson ...	2	Fred Hodgson	6
Leslie W. G. Morris ...	3	Alfred Smith	7
William H. Senior ...	4	Edward Jenkins ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

James T. Laker ...	...*Treble*	Charles G. Stoner ..	4
Florrie Wyman	2	Kenneth Snelling ...	5
Arthur C. Stoner ...	3	Oliver Sippetts ..,	*Tenor*

Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford, Kent, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*William Brett ...	...*Treble*	*Frederick Flint ...	4
Miss K. Burchnall ...	2	†Harold Denman ...	5
Miss G. Burchnall ...	3	Herbert T. Rooke ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First in seven methods. † 100th peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Reverse Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur E. Wenban	...*Treble*	Ernest J. Ladd	4
Doris E. Colgate ...	2	W. George Cook	5
Fredk. W. Budgen ...	3	Robert Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Collins.

PENN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London and York Surprise, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Frank Corke ...	...*Treble*	Ralph E. W. Wenban...	4
Phyllis M. Mayne ...	2	John R. Mayne	5
William Wenban	3	Cecil C. Mayne ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 17 methods as follows: (1) Newdigate and Willesden Delight; (2) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (3) Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (6) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*ALEX. RICHARDSON ...*Treble*	*ERIC SIMPSON 4
†ARTHUR HIBBERT 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	*ALFRED JOHN LEE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in 17 methods. † First peal in 17 methods away from treble. Forty-nine changes of method.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and three extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 5¾ cwt.

*GRIFFITH LAWRENCE ...*Treble*	*ROY BELLAMY 4
*DOUGLAS CULLING ... 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 5
FRED A. ADAMS 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since the addition of a new treble. First peal in three methods as conductor.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents (C.C.C. 28, 29, 37, 39, 48, 50 and 52). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LOTTIE R. PIMM ... ...*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
†NORA HONEY 2	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
‡DOUGLAS WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY COMMINS ... ...*Treble*	DOUGLAS BELLAMY ... 4
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER... 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 5
RAYMOND WINTER 3	WILLIAM COMMINS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.
To celebrate the gift of a daughter to the wife of the ringer of 2nd.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HERBERT PARKIN ... ...*Treble*	*JOHN TOYNE 4
*MISS MAVIS KING ... 2	†FRED JEFFERY 5
JACK BRAY 3	RONALD TROWISS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS STELLA P. WAIN...*Treble*	NORMAN HOUGH 4
†MISS DOREEN WILDE... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
MISS MARY ELKINS ... 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method and of Minor.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1048, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. SMITH ...*Treble*	JOSEPH PRENTICE 4
DAVID SMITH 2	JOHN N. LINDON 5
WILLIAM HAYES 3	HUDSON BERRILL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

HANDBELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HAROLD F. WOOD 1-2	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	HAROLD A. MAY 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' Tenor size 14 in D.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH VESTRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 1-2	†GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6
*ALBERT WALKER 3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7-8

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 9-10
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 500th peal for Guild. † 500th peal for Guild and 600th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First handbell peal. Tenor size 17 in A.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT, 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR C. WALSH 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
FRED HODGSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT, 21, THE CHINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WILFRED WILLIAMS 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
ALBERT M. TYLER 3-4	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 7-8

DONALD G. CLIFT 9-10
Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
First peal as conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

All the tickets available have been sold for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

Mr. Donald G. Clift rang his first peal 20 years ago. A handbell peal marked the day.

The peal at Eastbourne was in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Rollison.

Mr. Arthur Pritchard, of Hadley, Shropshire, conducted his 100th peal at Hodnet, Shropshire, on January 24th.

The peal at Bickenhill, Warwickshire, was an 80th birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Hood).

Canon T. Guy Rogers, who has consented to preside at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, is retiring at the end of June after being Rector of St. Martin's for 23 years.

Captain of Curry Rivel (Somerset) tower is Mr. Herbert Perry. His and Mrs. Perry's ruby wedding is honoured by a peal recorded this week.

Mr. J. Parker, who has represented the Royal Cumberland Youths at meetings of the Central Council from 1897-99 and 1906-47, is not seeking re-election this year. He was thanked for his services at the annual meeting last Saturday.

Mr. C. R. Belton has succeeded his late father as captain of the Barwell, Leicestershire, company. Other officers are Mr. G. P. Garner, vice-captain, Mr. A. A. Lucas, secretary, and Messrs. J. Hill and A. Hough, joint towerkeepers.

On February 7th, at Shoreham, Mr. F. Bennett rang his 1,550th peal and his 900th as conductor. He is in his 80th year. This is the highest number of peals by any ringer living. Mrs. E. L. Hairs, his daughter, participated in the peal.

Argument that the Cumberlands would better fulfil the role of a national ringing society if the mastership was at times held away from St. Martin-in-the-Fields preceded the election of Mr. Walter Ayre as the new Master on Saturday. 'Now we are nationalised,' was the cry that greeted his election.

With the idea of encouraging younger members to take office Wrington (Som.) ringers have elected Mr. W. H. Kingcott, aged 18, as vice-captain to Mr. H. W. Knight. At the annual meeting it was decided to utilise the balance of £4 3s. 2d. towards a board for recording the Hesse memorial peal, which is to be an annual feature.

Two Northants towers—Gayton and Rothersthorpe—where ringing for several years has fallen flat, are back in the news again. Rothersthorpe has appeared in the peal columns with three 'firsts' and Gayton has a waiting list of recruits for their first quarter.

The Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker on completing to-morrow 50 years of married life. We trust that Lancashire will not overlook this golden occasion. Mr. Shuker has held the office of secretary of the County Association for 37 years, and we trust he is still going strong with his co-secretary, Mr. T. Wilson, of Blackburn.

Apropos the splendid achievement of George W. Pipe recorded last week, we are reminded that John R. Mayne rang peals of London, Bristol, Four Spliced Surprise Major, Cambridge Superlative and Yorkshire all at the age of 12 years. Margaret Beamish is the youngest ringer to score a peal of London, which she achieved at the age of 11 years. John Mayne rang his peals two years ago.

London County Association

ANNUAL MEETING AT SOUTHWARK.

Resulting from the terrible fate of St. Clement Danes' in May, 1941, are the changes of venue for the London County Association's annual meetings. The place chosen for 1948 was Southwark, a parish in which the Association had its headquarters prior to 1839. During the afternoon and evening of February 7th, well over 100 members and friends participated in the proceedings, which almost regained a pre-war standard.

A well-attended, stimulating and pleasant service was held at the Cathedral and conducted by the Vice-Provost (Canon F. S. L. Fitz-George), assisted by the Succentor, the Rev. D. J. W. Bradley.

At tea in the Chapter House members were again privileged by the presence of Canon Fitz-George. The electing and initiating of seven new members and ratifying a previous election was one of the first items of the business meeting which followed.

In his report, the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, stated that some 14 business and practice meetings had been held, 22 new members had been elected and 15 peals had been rung. These ranged from Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal, and included one rarely heard in London—Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

An activity which had continued very successfully was the rotational visiting for Sunday service ringing of towers in the London area which lacked ringers. Very few Sundays had passed without one or more bands of ringers carrying out this important work. Quarter-peals were successfully negotiated on most occasions, many of them being in Surprise methods. These activities enabled many young members to score their first quarter or first in the method.

Elections of officers were: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; general secretary, Capt. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretaries, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Mr. N. G. Hollingworth; treasurer, Mr. G. J. Strickland; stewards, Mr. Squire Croft and Mr. C. M. Myers; trustees, Mr. A. H. Keighley and Mr. T. W. Taffender; honorary chaplain, the Rev. H. E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral.

The health of Mr. E. A. Young had improved sufficiently for him to attend the meeting. He was able to hear personally the thanks of the Association for his untiring work since joining in January, 1891. Since this date he has served in all appointments other than that of Master.

The 'Dawe' Cup Handbell Competition did not take place, as only one entry had been received, this being from All Saints', Isleworth. The team decided they would refrain from competing in the hope that more teams would enter next year.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The first quarterly meeting at Bedworth on January 17th attracted between 50 and 60 members and friends. Nuneaton being next on the rota as the place of the annual meeting in April, a suggestion was made that Chilvers Coton be the meeting place, there being ten bells and more members at that tower. The rule was not being infringed in any way, as Coton was in the Borough of Nuneaton. The suggestion was carried.

Rosemary Ashley, of Bulkington, was elected as a member. An appeal by Mr. L. J. Hinde, also of Bulkington, for a donation from the Bell Restoration Fund towards the cost of two new trebles, resulted in the sum of £5 being given.

The Master, Mr. F. E. Pervin, gave notice that he wished to retire from that position in April and asked the members to seek out a suitable successor.

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s. Votes of thanks to the local ringers for arranging such a sumptuous tea and to the Rector for his unusual address closed the meeting.

OBITUARY

MR. EDMUND H. LINDUP.

West Sussex lost an old and valued ringer when Mr. Edmund H. Lindup passed away on February 4th at the age of 78 years. 'Ned' had been a member of the Sussex County Association for 62 years, serving several years on the Western Division Committee, and most of his ringing had been in his native town of Worthing and at Brighton. He had been connected with St. Botolph's, Heene, from the time he joined the boys' choir, and rang on State and Royal occasions for over 60 years.

Following cremation, a half-muffled peal of Bob Minor was rung on the nearby bells of Tarring, Heene bells being out of order.

He rang in 200 peals, more than half of which were rung at Heene—Minor 5 (conducted 4), Grandsire Triples 20 (9), Caters 2, Bob Major 14 (2), Stedman Triples 103 (56), Caters 7, Kent Major 7, Royal 1, Double Norwich 24 (5), Cambridge Major 8 (1), Superlative 9, total 200, conducted 77.

MR. W. H. LAWRENCE.

An Appreciation.

William H. Lawrence was born at Little Munden on December 17th, 1875, and was by profession a gardener, being the head of the staff employed by Mr. Nigel Hanbury, of Dane End Estate. He gained his first knowledge of change ringing from the famous Benington band, and in 1895 started a band at his village church, which rang its first 720 in March, 1896.

He was the leader and inspiration of the band until his death, and although sickness during the past few years prevented his accustomed appearance in the belfry, his interest never flagged, and bodily suffering did not prevent his attendance at the Easter meeting of the Herts Association.

The six-bell towers have produced some great ringers, and 'W.H.L.' can be numbered as one amongst many. On October 8th, 1907, he rang at his Parish Church the treble and second in a 5,040 of Minor in five methods, this being followed on February 26th, 1910, by a peal in seven methods, in which he not only rang the first two bells, but also conducted the same. He joined the College Youths in 1898, and was also a member of the Oxford Diocesan and Essex and Middlesex Associations and others. He was a member of the choir, and no Sunday to him was complete unless he was able to be present.

Whatever he undertook, whether on the cricket field, the belfry or other church work, it was his humble Christian personality which overshadowed all things and gained the esteem and respect of the village community and beyond. He could say with St. Paul, 'I know,' and in the power and strength of the Risen Saviour he went forward to accomplish the task which lay before him. We thank God for such a one, trusting many ringers will follow his example.

He also kept a record of the Society's history from its commencement in 1895 to 1939, and from the year 1901 to 1939 (excepting the years 1917, 1918, 1919, war years) the number of 720's rung during each year. This book has been presented to the Vicar and churchwardens.

One beautiful spring memorial to our departed friend is to be seen in the village churchyard, which has been covered for many years with hundreds of daffodils which he planted. The spot is famous. Until now this has been kept a secret, and many have wondered how the beautiful carpet of flowers came into being. G.W.C.

Between 1901 and 1939 no fewer than 2,539 720's were rung by the Little Munden Society, and the years 1936 and 1937 20 different methods were rung.

Mr. Lawrence's peals are: Maximus K.T.B. 1; Cinques, Stedman 6; Royal K.T.B. 1; Caters, Stedman 2, Grandsire 5; Major K.T.B. 12, Oxford 1, Cambridge 3, Superlative 2, Double Norwich 3, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 11; Triples, Stedman 11, Grandsire 20, Bob 1; various Minor peals 118; total 198.

Australian Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 21st, 1947, there appears a record of a peal of Doubles in three methods at the Church of St. Jude, Randwick, Sydney, being 1,200 Antelope and 1,920 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. I regret to inform you that the peal was false.

This was pointed out to us in an air-letter received in Sydney two days ago from Mr. A. R. Pink.

The Antelope was called in ten callings, four of which (the Quick callings) are false, as there are three repeats in each course.

We are naturally very disappointed, as this was the first peal by five of the band.

We wish to apologise for having caused a false peal to be recorded and request that it, together with a quarter-peal of Antelope appearing in the same issue, be deleted from the records.

When the method was sent out to us from England it was stated that it was based on Grandsire, but only six callings were sent. A quarter of an hour before the peal commenced the lead ends for the four quick callings were worked out, and as there was no repeat in the lead ends, it was assumed that these callings had been overlooked, but we have now discovered to our dismay and loss that they were left out with very good reasons.—Yours faithfully,

R. S. ROWE, Conductor.

St. Jude's Society of Bellringers,
Randwick, Sydney.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Visiting St. John's, Penge, after an interval of 39 years, the Lewisham District had a most successful meeting attended by 50 members.

Conspicuous at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. E. Bailey, was the election of 22 practising members, including the young band of The Annunciation, Chislehurst, trained by Dr. F. C. W. Knight, a welcome re-affiliation. The election of three non-resident members previous to peal attempts was ratified.

Chislehurst was chosen for the next meeting on May 1st, and the combined meeting with the Surrey Association was suggested for Sept. 4th at St. Mary's, Lewisham.

A most cordial welcome was extended to the district from the church authorities. The Vicar (the Rev. Ian E. Douglas Jones) conducted the service and gave the address, Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) read the lesson and Mr. N. Hext (Penge) acted as organist.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Rev. P. Chamier, branch president, and Mrs. Chamier entertained the 41 members and friends attending the annual meeting at Cambridge on Jan. 17th to tea following the service at St. Andrew the Great.

At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected, and after discussion it was decided to start a fund to assist with bell repairs, etc. A collection to start the fund realised £1 11s. 8d.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was at the Churches of St. Andrew the Great, St. Benet and St. Mary the Great.

BISHOP AND AMPLIFIED RECORDS

Dedicating an amplified system for broadcasting recordings of bells at St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich, the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich said: 'It would have been far better for the Church to have had a peal of bells, but even if their cost could be met, it would be out of the question at the moment to get them cast. Moreover, unless the tower were rebuilt or reinforced, it would not be possible to ring them.

'The choice is between the recorded bells or nothing. If you had a peal of bells and your only difficulty was to find ringers for them, I should certainly not have been willing to dedicate what is at best an inferior substitute.'

Hillingdon Ringers' Supper

A company of 33 attended the first supper of St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, on January 30th, under the chairmanship of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford).

Proposing 'The St. John's Guild,' the Vicar referred to the long service of Mr. Hann, the 80-year-old veteran with 60 years to his credit, and Mrs. Goodfellow, who has been a ringer at the church since 1920. It was a great pleasure to him to see that the Guild had a membership of 20.

Appropriately, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (the captain), in reply, referred to Hillingdon's contribution to ringing and that three peals of Grandsire Triples were rung there in 1733, only 15 years after the first peal ever rung. He spoke of previous members who had died in recent years — Harry Chandler, of Warnham fame, 'Rich' Warnett and 'Nob' Davey, both of whom died on military service, Gilbert Mitchell, and dear old Jack Pratt, their late beloved captain, who died last April.

Mr. F. G. Baldwin, who gave 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild,' paid tribute to the work of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, as secretary of the South and West District.

Mr. Cockey, responding, strongly supported Mr. Goodfellow's contention that more should be done in towers to control and improve the sound of the bells. With less volume of sound in the vicinity of the tower, bells would be more appreciated by the public. He explained what had been done at St. Stephen's, Ealing.

Mr. W. H. Coles toasted the visitors, among whom was Frank Blondell, one of the famous Guildford handbell band of some 40 or so years ago, and who took part in the longest peal ever rung on handbells. Mr. W. N. Genna, of Pinner, suitably responded.

HERTFORDSHIRE JUNIOR RINGERS

Enterprise and reputation for novelty attracted a company of 140 to the annual social of the Western District Junior Section of the Hertfordshire County Association at Berkhamsted on January 31st. Donald Cartwright and Pamela Martin arranged a most enjoyable programme of games and dancing.

Highlight of the proceedings was the sketch in which Mr. Walter Ayre was tried by a jury of young ringers and declared to be fit to become the first honorary member of the Association.

The programme also included songs by Miss Jean Illing, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. N. Clarke, a solo on a saw by Mr. J. Kingham (Tring), and handbell touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples by Miss Rowena Minall, Miss Brenda Fells, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and Mr. W. Ayre. Berkhamsted handbell ringers—Miss Ruth Wells, Miss Joyce Burton, Mr. H. Porrett and Mr. S. Chappel—played a selection of tunes.

Mr. W. Ayre (county secretary), after commending enthusiasm, administered a little homily, in which he urged no standing still, as more young people were still needed to learn the art.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, on Jan. 31st. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson), and tea was provided in the Church Rooms.

The branch chairman (Mr. G. Valentine) presided at the business meeting, supported by the assistant secretary (Mr. Eric Nobles), the attendance being 50. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. R. S. Cowley (hon. secretary), S. Millward and J. Linnett.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. G. Valentine; secretary, Mr. Eric Nobles; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Hammons; Guild Committee, Messrs. G. Care, P. Jones; Branch Committee, Messrs. J. Dunkley, B. O. Soden; auditor, Mr. W. Gamage.

Mr Gamage thanked the Vicar for conducting service and use of bells, the organist, and Mr. Ashby for making necessary arrangements.

QUARTER PEALS

BARWELL, LEICS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hough 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, H. Duncombe 3, A. A. Lucas 4, T. K. Deacon 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, R. Coleman 8. First quarter in the method by 1, 3 and 4.

BOREHAM, ESSEX. — On Jan. 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Mary E. Shadrack (first quarter) 1, P. Mouser (first inside) 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, W. Allen 4, A. Church 5, A. Edwards 6, C. Jaguard 7, A. H. Everett (cond.) 8.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Walford (first as conductor on handbells) 1-2, W. Stevens 3-4, Miss G. Stevens 5-6.

GLOUCESTER. — On Jan. 25th, at St. Mary de Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wright 1, T. Newman 2, T. Pritchard 3, W. Sidwell 4, G. Case 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, W. Cox 7, H. Newman 8.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Remigius', 1,264 Bob Major: C. Curson 1, R. Lofty 2, C. H. Moore 3, Miss E. Bracey (first quarter) 4, T. Spight 5, R. Fisher 6, R. W. Curson 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob): Mrs. E. Ford 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Brooks.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At the Church of St. Andrew, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Impey 1, E. Hancox 2, P. E. Jones 3, F. Corke 4, W. S. Childs 5, W. Honer 6, T. Bannister (cond.) 7, S. Humphrey 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Duffell 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, W. Avery 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (first as conductor) 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: M. J. Stimson 1, F. A. Fenton (cond.) 2, F. J. Stimson 3, A. Makears 4, H. Alley 5, W. Smith 6, F. Shepheard 7, H. Clayton 8, E. Bartram 9, H. G. Bailey 10. First quarter in the method by all except 2, 4 and 9.

POOLE, DORSET. — On Feb. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters by H. G. Thompson 1, J. I. P. Davis 2, W. G. Young 3, E. T. Hendley 4, H. G. Baverstock 5, R. C. Hurst 6, A. R. Macdonald (cond.) 7, R. H. True 8, W. H. Houlton 9, H. P. Davis 10. First of Caters for five of the band. For the 81st birthday of Mr. F. W. Townsend, captain of St. James', Poole, ringers.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Mrs. A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, J. Armstrong 5, C. Ottley 6, E. Furbanks 7, R. Begrie 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Coombes (first as cond.) 1, S. Philbrick 2, R. Croucher 3, J. Belcham 4, R. Brown 5, F. Souter 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, W. Perry 8. First of Stedman 1, 2, 3 and 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Harris 1, Miss M. Tiller 2, R. Marlow 3, B. Tiller 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, F. Harris 7, W. Cheater (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

ST. ALBANS.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Peter's, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Wren (first in method) 1, H. V. Frost 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, G. W. Debenham 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. Mason 6, R. Darvill (cond.) 7, T. J. Southam 8, W. Avre 9, F. Spicer 10. A 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Jan. 25th, at All Saints', quarter-peal Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, H. W. Pratt 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, J. Perkins 8.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Len Mardlin (first quarter) 1, A. L. Mardlin 2, Miss J. Harding 3, Miss F. Reed 4, Miss B. Bull 5, R. J. Houghton (cond.) 6.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30, S. Nicolas'. Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, limited to the first 70 names received by A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3020

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Annual district meeting, Heston, Feb. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting. —J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke, Edgehill Road, W.13. Perivale 5320. 2997

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Westminster, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3062

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — On Saturday, Feb. 21st, St. Peter's, St. Albans (10), will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. St. Stephen's (6) from 4 to 5 p.m. No tea arrangements. — T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3061

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Meeting, Launton, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Bicester (8) after tea. Names for tea to F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3045

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 21st, 3 p.m.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 3071

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Thorne, Feb. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5. 3065

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Trumpington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at The Green Man. Committee please attend. —H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3063

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Watlington (6), Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring food).—W. Buckenham Marham, King's Lynn. 3064

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting at Cheshunt, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me before Tuesday, Feb. 24th, please. — H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to M. Ginn, Station Road, Over, by 25th.—C. Gimbert, Sutton Ely. 3051

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Those wishing for tea, please notify Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, by Feb. 25th.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — South Shields, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 2.30. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. W. Robson, 15, Logan Terrace, South Shields, by 26th.—W. F. Sheraton. 3078

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting will be held at Locking on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 6.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3076

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own food. Cup of tea available.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3074

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 24th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 3083

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 28th, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Notify by 24th Mr. P. H. Rollison, 2, Southfields Road, Eastbourne.—John Downing, Hon. Sec. 3086

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, Fakenham. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please reply early.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3081

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Windsor Parish, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 5.45 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3082

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Saturday, Feb. 28th, meeting, Kegworth (8), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food. — C. W. Hall, District Secretary. 3050

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 3090

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—St. Anne's, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names for tea to W. H. Ratcliffe, 40, Hope Street, St. Anne's, Lytham St. Anne's, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 25th.—J. H. Foster. 3092

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —North Stoneham, Feb. 28th, 2.30. Teas for those who advise by Feb. 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh 3082

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Feb. 28th, 3. Tea 5. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, Feb. 25th, latest. 3083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Alteration of date. Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton (8), on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Dedication of the memorial to the late Mr. H. S. Brocklebank immediately after service.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec 3085

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3086

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Daresbury, Feb. 28th. Advise Mr. H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington, if requiring tea by 25th.—John E. Ashcroft. 3088

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Ringing meeting, March 6th, Ipswich, St. Clement's St. Lawrence's and St. Mary Quay. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 at Co-op Cafe, Carr Street. Names by March 3rd, please, to Edward Ellenger, District Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3073

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Annual.—Meeting at Acle (6), Saturday, March 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5.15. Bring own sugar. Number for tea by Wednesday, March 3rd, to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3024

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alney (8), March 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by March 1st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 3087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Tenterden, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 3rd to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3085

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent, March 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Miss D. Dobbie, 117, High Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, by March 3rd, please. All ringers welcome.—E. M. Mitchell. 3088

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Morriston, March 6th. Bells 6.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business following.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot. 3081

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Chad's R.C. (8) 2 to 2.30 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 3.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Philip's Cathedral (10) 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3091

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ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Quarterly, Haverfordwest (8), March 13th, 3. Service 4, tea following. Names by March 6th.—C. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 3089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual General Committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th, at St. Aldate's Rectory Room, 3 p.m. sharp.—Wm. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 3072

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Dartford on Easter Monday. Further particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 3084

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Owing to petrol restrictions, annual general meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Cambridge, instead of St. Neots. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 3095

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DUBLIN

MOST Guilds and Associations hold their annual meetings in the early part of the year, Easter Monday being a particularly favoured date. This year a question is being addressed to each Guild by the Central Council to ascertain before the meeting of the governing body the measure of support that would be forthcoming for the holding of the Central Council meeting for 1949 at Dublin.

The matter was ventilated by the new Master of the Cumberlands, who wisely pointed out that the factor of cost could not be ignored. There are a number of wealthy Associations who meet the whole of the expenses of delegates and would probably be in a position to continue this policy despite the added expenses. On the other hand, some of the struggling organisations expect their representatives to pay their own expenses, and the added cost of a trip to Dublin might mean the absence of familiar faces. Against this, the counter-attraction of ringing in Ireland will make a strong appeal.

While it is true that no man is indispensable, a small attendance would mitigate against a representative opinion being obtained. The value of a Central Council meeting is not limited to the conference hall. The informal discussions between members are of great importance, frequently leading to the formation of policy and mutual understanding. Thus when a decision has to be made regarding the cordial invitation of Mr. Dukes, the enthusiastic secretary of the Irish Association, members should be able to vote with the knowledge that it would or would not be possible for their Guild or Association to be represented.

So far no indication has been received as to the opinion of Guilds on this somewhat expensive meeting. The Cumberlands hoped to test their members' opinion by a resolution for the payment of £10 towards the expenses of their Central Council members. The debate was abruptly concluded by a reminder from one of the senior members that only members who had paid 2s. in steepleage during the year were entitled to vote on a financial matter. Thus probably a little coterie of a dozen or fifteen can dictate the policy of a national society. Membership, however, in the eyes of the Central Council is not based on these few but on the multitude who find pleasure and satisfaction in belonging to an honourable society, who incidentally have no voice in deciding yea or nay to their delegates' suggested trip to Dublin. It will, indeed, be a rocky road to Dublin.

TEN BELL PEALS

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Walter Allwood	*Treble*	*J. Edward Cawser	6
*F. Bernard Ditcher	2	*Herbert O. Chaddock	7
*Harry Morgan	3	*John J. L. Gilbert	8
*Ernest A. Thorpe	4	‡John A. Brearley	9
†W. Eric Critchley	5	*John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edw. Cawser.
* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

Wilfred Kerr	*Treble*	George A. Packer	6
William J. Leach	2	Barnabas G. Key	7
Harry F. Holding	3	Howard Howell	8
Richard T. Holding	4	Arthur Pritchard	9
Gordon Harrison	5	George L. Roden	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Wilfred Stevenson	*Treble*	*Charles W. Lawton	6
*Sidney Hough, jun.	2	John E. Bibby	7
John Worth	3	David Vincent	8
*Mrs. C. W. Lawton	4	Walter Allman	9
Alan A. Potts	5	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Oxford Royal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

John E. S. Moreton	*Treble*	†Alan Cattell	6
Walter P. Whitehead	2	Frank Trotman	7
Shirley Burton	3	John Thompson	8
*James Draycott	4	James F. Clarke	9
Arthur H. Beamish	5	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. L. James. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. James and Basil.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Thomas W. Crowe	*Treble*	Kenneth Arthur	5
Miss Margaret Addison	2	Adam Deas	6
James L. Gray	3	*Jack Roach	7
John Anderson	4	Wm. H. Barber	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
* First peal in the method. A thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. S. Redman, Vicar for 20 years, on his retirement.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Peter Border	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	5
Edwin J. Lindley	2	*Geoffrey Dodds	6
George E. Crisp	3	†William Bavin	7
Harry L. Martin	4	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by E. J. Lindley.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Fred Brownlow	*Treble*	John Booth	5
Thomas Barker	2	*James Blackburn	6
*Joseph Hill	3	James W. Grounds	7
*Ruth Bradley	4	E. Roger Martin	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. Debenham (v.i). Conducted by E. R. Martin.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Harold A. May	*Treble*	Albert E. Laker	5
*Miss Hazel Dale	2	Harold F. Wood	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Leonard Stilwell	7
Eric T. Lee	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

Frederick Price	*Treble*	*Clifford Barron	5
William J. Chester	2	William A. Farmer	6
Thomas Price	3	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Thomas E. Sone	*Treble*	William Rogers	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Robert T. Lambert	6
Alfred W. Durham	3	*Benjamin F. Baker	7
George B. Collins	4	Walter H. Dobbie	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Surprise.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

George F. Newton	*Treble*	*Jack R. Worrall	5
*Betty Longstaff	2	*Thomas W. Dobson	6
Thomas Senior	3	Philip A. Tocock	7
†Thomas Cooke	4	W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by W. Norman Park.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*Stanley G. Elsey	*Treble*	†William Buckenham	5
Wallace W. Cousins	2	*Arthur Rolfe	6
*Ernest H. Mastin	3	Claude Cousins	7
Cecil V. Ebberson	4	*George W. Johnson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire 'inside.'

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Mrs. C. W. Lawton	*Treble*	Sydney Hough, jun.	5
James A. Milner	2	Charles W. Lawton	6
Wilfred Stevenson	3	John Worth	7
Alan A. Potts	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

MARGARET L. TUTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM JUDGE	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	H. PETER RAYNOR	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

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

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5248 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

FREDK. C. ROPER	*Treble*	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
CLEMENT J. MORE	3	W. ARCHIE LOCK	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam David Whiting.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 3½ cwt.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	JAMES F. HARVEY	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
MISS JEAN METHAM	2	H. LESLIE PASK	6
*ARCHER T. LOWMAN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
NOEL E. CHAMBERS	4	HAROLD MARCON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. A welcome to the Rev. V. I. Dalby, the new Vicar.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
NORAH H. BIBBY	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
GEORGE H. RANDLES	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
The first peal in the method.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 4½ cwt.

*NORA HONEY	2	WALTER F. JUDGE	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	H. PETER RAYNOR	6
WILLIAM JUDGE	3	RICHARD WHITE	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	4	WM. H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*EDGAR WHITELEY	*Treble*	*HARRY WILD	5
*WM. AMBLER	2	*ALBERT V. PICKLES	6
DONALD MARSHALL	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
*†MARY LINGARD	4	*SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by S. LONGBOTTOM.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
JOHN E. TURLEY	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	6
*ROY GARTH	3	T. COLIN RYDER	7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	4	JACK G. BROTHWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN. E. TURLEY.
* First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. Brothwell.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHAS. H. MOORE	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
HENRY TOOKE	3	CEDRIC CURSON	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	RUSSELL W. CURSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST C. PEARSON	*Treble*	FREDK. C. WHITE	5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	2	*JOSEPH M. STRETTON	6
FRANCIS A. WHITE	3	HERBERT W. IMPEY	7
RICHARD WHITE	4	†GEORGE E. DEELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT W. IMPEY.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal on the eight bells and the first known peal to be rung in the tower.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*MISS MAUREEN GOOING	*Treble*	T. COLIN RYDER	5
WILLIE GREEN	2	GEORGE F. TUKE	6
MRS. T. C. RYDER	3	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
*PETER NORTH	4	DANIEL SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ARTHUR FIRTH.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Ten-part (C.C.C. No. 27). Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

JOHN HAYES	*Treble*	JAMES S. WEBB	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	HARRY PYE	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
The first peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

PEGGY G. KITCHEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	5
*AUDREY M. CASTLE	2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	*Treble*	BERNARD S. NICHOLS	5
*NORAH HONEY	2	THOMAS W. TIMMS	6
WILLIAM J. DIXON	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
HARRY P. FLOYD	4	GEORGE R. MILES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 18).
Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Andrew C. Sinfield	*Treble*	*Herbert C. Hillyard	5
C. Henry Harding	2	Harold Burton	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	†C. Edward Jeffries	7
*Edgar Conquest	4	Arthur E. Sharman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Arthur E. Sharman.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge.

BROADCLYST, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt.

William H. Howe	*Treble*	Jack Salway	5
*Miss Queenie Pring	2	Fredk. Wreford	6
*Horace W. Butt	3	Edward W. Biffin	7
Arthur G. Gooding	4	*Ernest E. Retter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward W. Biffin.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Herbert O. Chaddock	*Treble*	Gordon C. Briggs	5
*Dennis Holland	2	Leslie W. Bacon	6
Barry Holland	3	Walter Allwood	7
John W. Sykes	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John E. Turley.
* First peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF OXFORD & KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*Robt. Guy	*Treble*	*Dennis Booth	5
*Phyllis Booth	2	Thos. S. Horridge	6
Thos. Hammond	3	*Geo. Skelland	7
*John McKee	4	Wm. H. Deacon	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Wm. H. Deacon.
* First peal in the method.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

Margaret L. Tutt	*Treble*	Peter W. B. Semmens	5
*R. Andrew Routh	2	Peter Raynor	6
*Graham R. Kerr	3	Peter C. Wright	7
*David Gallop	4	C. John Dickinson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by C. John Dickinson.
* First peal of Major. To celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLECE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Walter Southgate	*Treble*	Ernest H. Scarfe	5
Edward E. Davey	2	Ronald G. Bugg	6
Urban W. Wildney	3	George Waterman	7
George W. Moss	4	Alan R. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
First peal in the method by all the company and on the bells.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Eric T. Lee	*Treble*	*Fredk. A. Munday	5
*Edgar R. Rapley	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
Ernest J. Munday	3	Harold A. May	7
William T. Beeson	4	C. Ernest Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor and on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 3 six-scores of Stedman, 9 of St. Simon's, 18 of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob (different callings, methods rung in alternate 720's)
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Miss Enid Walklate	*Treble*	Leonard G. Toseland	3
Patrick I. Chapman	2	John Shatford	4

Geoffrey E. Watson *Tenor*
Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*Margt. R. Graves (16)	*Treble*	Jack Waud	4
†George Waud	2	‡Thomas H. Foster	5
Horace S. Morley	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor.

PATRINGTON, EAST YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Patrick,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

Leonard Rodmell	*Treble*	Harold Andrews	4
David A. Fewster	2	*Leonard Marriot	5
*George Pearcy	3	*Thomas Robinson	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Leonard Rodmell.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Kent Treble Bob, five of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*Walter White	*Treble*	†Dennis Toon	4
J. Harry Cook	2	Harry Clayton	5
Fredk. J. Stimson	3	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal on treble. † First of Minor.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Rossendale, Stamford, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt.

Bryan F. Sims	*Treble*	Cyril A. Prindiville	4
C. Edward Jeffries	2	C. Henry Harding	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Andrew C. Sinfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Henry Harding.
First peal of Surprise on the bells First peal of Surprise as conductor.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*William James	*Treble*	*John Clements	4
*Charles Davies	2	Frederick W. Davies	5
Thomas Cooper	3	*James Soley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cooper.
* First peal. A tribute to Mr. George Soley, 22 years District Ringing Master, recently resigned through ill-health.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Cosmas and Damian,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Michael J. Ades	*Treble*	*John W. Reynolds	4
†Michael A. C. Frewer	2	‡Stanley E. Armstrong	5
*J. Terence Murphy	3	*John R. Clapperton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley E. Armstrong.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ 75th peal. The first peal by the Varndean School Society.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*SIDNEY CLEMENTS	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
*GERALD NICHOLLS	2	JOHN PERKINS	5
LESLIE W. FISHER	3	*HAROLD HODGE	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

GROBY, NEAR LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

*WILFRED E. GEARY	*Treble*	VICTOR GEARY	4
*TERENCE E. GARDNER	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
STANLEY R. GARDNER	3	†GEORGE E. SPENCER	*Tenor*

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal on six bells.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2 six-scores of Stedman and 8 six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Treble*	ALAN F. KIRKMAN	3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND	2	JOHN SHATFORD	4
BERTRAM F. LUMBERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BERTRAM F. LUMBERS.

First peal as conductor, aged 15 years.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*COLIN A. WHARTON (14)	*Treble*	*MISS M. D. REEVES (15)	3
WILLIAM A. STOTE	2	IAN A. MORRISON	4
HAROLD FOLWELL	*Tenor*		

* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

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GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*CYRIL YOUNG	*Treble*	HERBERT FIELDS	4
*WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	2	REGINALD HOUGHTON	5
STANLEY GILBERT	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BROWN	*Treble*	REGINALD RIPPINGALE	4
SIMON DACE	2	RONALD SUCKLING	5
CECIL BARKER	3	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DONALD CHADWICK	*Treble*	FREDERICK FLINT	4
†RICHARD HIND	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
ROLAND T. FLINT	3	ARTHUR B. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 changes C.C.C. No. 152 and four 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole have had to relinquish the office of secretary and assistant secretary of the Shropshire Association, a post they have held since 1942, through at present living in Buckinghamshire. Mr. E. A. Reeves, 22, Rosedale, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, is the new hon. secretary.

Mr. C. John Dickinson came of age on Jan. 31st and called a peal of Bob Major at Bicester for the Oxford University Society. Happy birthday!

Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert has a birthday once every four years. We trust his quota of birthday peals is none the lighter in consequence.

Mr. Ernest Morris has found a new tower in the Leicester Diocese in which to ring a peal. Eaton is his 127th tower in the diocese and his peal was his 1,027th.

There has been some 'moonraking' in Wiltshire lately. The peal of Bob Minor credited to North Bradley in our issue of Feb. 13th should have been 'Seend, Wiltshire.'

In 1888 one of J. J. Parker's compositions of Grandsire Triples was rung for the first time at Burford, Oxfordshire. The 60th anniversary was commemorated by a visit to the tower and a repetition of the peal called by Alan R. Pink.

Special interest lies behind the peal of Double Norwich at Hethersett, Norfolk, on Jan. 30th. Out of 600 odd peals in the method recorded for the Norwich Diocesan Association this is believed to be the first to be rung with 4ths place bobs.

St Mary's, Standon (Herts), send us a bright account of their annual supper, at which it was announced that their bell repair fund stood at £200 towards an original estimate of £203. Most of this sum was raised by the ringers themselves, substantial contributions being received as the result of handbell ringing at Christmas time.

Ald. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, and a member of the Bedfordshire County Council, called a peal of Cambridge at Dunstable Priory as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn. Both are Cumberland Youths and the peal in consequence was under the auspices of that Society. Have we any other Aldermen living among our peal conductors?

Mr. Clifford Skidmore completed his 'circle' of Lye, Worcestershire, tower by a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on Jan. 26th.

Another 'circler' this week is Mr. Vernon Bottomley at his tower, Queensbury, Yorks, with a peal of Little Bob Major on Jan. 28th.

The third to circle this week is Mr. Robert Guy at Sefton, Lancs, with a peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major. He was ringing for his silver wedding and the completion of 25 years as a service ringer at Sefton.

Finally Mr. Burley P. Morris has 'circled' Warkton, Northants, with a peal of Doubles, five methods.

Mr. A. H. Pulling is appearing in the 'Down Your Way' B.B.C. Light Programme of March 14th. He has been interviewed by Mr. Richard Dimbleby at Guildford Grammar School and there is no question that ringing will be mentioned.

Bournemouth calling again. Their second festival will be held on April 24th. In addition to the dinner, two charabanc tours are being planned—one into Dorset and the other to Hampshire. Towers on the list include Wimborne Minster and Christchurch Priory. The Assistant Bishop of Winchester has promised to preside at the dinner. Organiser is Mr. Arthur V. Davis, of 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth, who can also give a few addresses where accommodation may possibly be found.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Change of Mastership

BIG INFLUX OF NEW MEMBERS.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths decided at their annual meeting on February 14th on a change in the Mastership. Mr. G. H. Cross, who has held office for the past 13 years, was defeated in a ballot by Mr. Walter Ayre. The reason advanced for the change was that for the Cumberlands to progress as a national body it was advisable that the Master should not necessarily be associated with the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The meeting was largely attended. The new Vicar (the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards) conducted the service and there was a company of over 100 at tea.

Mr. G. H. Cross presided at the business meeting, supported by the secretary (Mr. G. W. Steere). The statement of accounts showed that the balance from 1946 of £48 8s. 4d. had been increased to £69 7s. 3d.

The secretary's report stated that the past year, marking as it did the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Society, had been one of continued prosperity. Seventy-one new members had joined, the majority of whom were young ringers on the threshold of their ringing careers. Such an influx augured well for the Society's future prospects.

The 12 peals rung during the year covered a wide range from Bob Minor to Stedman Cinques and were rung in 12 different churches, under nine conductors. Two handbell peals had also been recorded—both at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields — but again with different conductors.

The report recorded the meetings held and the bicentenary dinner, and concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. W. Ayre for presenting a chairman's gavel to the Society.

The Chairman congratulated the Society and gave additional details of the peals, in which 68 members participated. The secretary announced that four peals were already 'in the bag' for this year.

Mr Steere was thanked for his services on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Robert Heazel (Essex Association), George Dawson and J. Bailey. The meeting heard with regret that Mr. Bailey had been ordered to bed for three months, and the secretary was asked to write to him expressing the Society's wishes for a speedy recovery.

The meeting ratified the following elections: Miss Margaret Fidell (Monkseaton), Miss Brenda Philpott, C. E. Buesden (Canterbury), A. H. Jackson (Ryde, Isle of Wight), D. J. Gay (Dorset), R. G. French (Sturry, Kent), M. J. Butler (Southampton), H. G. Andrews (Hampton Wick), J. H. C. Davy (Bramley, Surrey), F. E. Walker (Dartford), E. Conquest (Luton), Miss Beryl J. Denton (Keston, Middlesex), Dr. William L. Leese (Herne Hill).

The following new members were elected at the meeting: J. L. Morris, J. L. Harris, C. R. Packer, R. H. Baker, J. H. Arlet and Miss Eleanor Arlet (Orpington), R. S. Goodchild, R. Stereck and R. W. Dent (Chislehurst), C. P. Suddards (Sidcup), P. Holness (Hemel Hempstead), D. Cartwright (Tring), G. W. Seaman (Watford), Mrs. E. Roseoe, Miss Eleanor E. Wolledge and Mr. R. E. Godfrey (Bexley), P. J. Eves, A. G. Bartholomew, W. J. Barrett (Galleywood), Mrs. Elsie Savory, C. Poulter (Ruislip), A. R. Ward (Ryde, Isle of Wight), T. J. Clark (Bushey), Miss E. D. Farrell, Miss R. J. Pett (Isleworth). Honorary member: Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Frank Knight on securing so many new members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

There were five nominations for the post of Master, and a ballot resulted as follows: W. Ayre 32, G. H. Cross 27, F. E. Hawthorne 10, T. Sevan 5, C. J. Matthews 4.

Assuming the chair amid applause, Mr. Ayre said it was an honour he had never anticipated. He owed his knowledge of 12 bell ringing to a former Master, Mr. Matthews' father, and he was also indebted to him for his first peal on handbells and first peal on 12 bells.

He asked each member to regard himself as a cell for the Society from which other members would sprout so that their Society would bloom.

Other officers elected were: Senior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; junior steward, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; trustees, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. W. R. Winterton; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steere; hon. auditors, Messrs. G. H. Cross and A. H. Pulling; Central Council representatives, Messrs. G. W. Steere, G. H. Cross, Frank C. W. Knight and Tom Francis.

Mr. Rowe expressed the hope that at future annual meetings an eight-bell tower would be also available.

The Chairman said that owing to the kindness of the senior steward, a party did visit Hampstead and Gospel Oak.

A member: Why was it not announced in 'The Ringing World'?

Mr. Steere replied that he received notice too late and notified Mr. Ayre and certain other members.

The Chairman promised that at future annual meetings opportunity would be provided for eight-bell ringing.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND IRELAND.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said that the next Central Council meeting the holding of the 1949 meeting in Ireland would be discussed. It would be an expensive journey and he would like to move that £10 be voted towards the travelling expenses of Council representatives.

The Chairman said he understood that a circular letter was being sent out by the Central Council asking the different Guilds whether they would support a meeting in Dublin. The matter would come before the next Council meeting, and it was felt that the Guilds or Associations should consult the members first.

Mr. C. Matthews said according to the rules no member was entitled to take part in any discussion on finance unless he had paid 2s. in steepleage fees the previous year. He proposed that the matter be shelved until the next meeting as under that rule he doubted whether there were two dozen members entitled to vote.

It was decided to adjourn the matter to the next annual meeting.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Master was proposed by Mr. Geoffrey Carter, seconded by Mr. Frank Knight and endorsed by the chairman.

Thanking the members, Mr. Cross said he started to ring when he was 14. It was then either a case of taking a hiding from his elder brother or ringing. He preferred ringing.

Mr. T. Bevan raised the question of holding a dinner, and Mr. Cross supported such a venture. After discussion it was decided to hold a dinner, and the meeting fixed as a tentative date Saturday, October 9th.

Quarterly meetings suggested were Chislehurst, April 10th; Dunstable, June 19th; and Guildford, September 18th.

The thanks of the Society to the new Vicar were voiced by Mr. Frank Hawthorne. Mr. Cross stated that a peal was rung for his induction and afterwards the Vicar and his wife came into the belfry to congratulate the ringers. They both expressed a wish to climb the steeple and see the bells.

Last year a new ring was installed at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorks. The first of the band of learners recruited for the tower to ring a peal is Miss Margaret R. Graves (aged 16). The peal was in memory of the two sons of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. McGranahan (the donors of three of the new six bells).

A Note on Fourths Place Bobs in Double Norwich

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

In spite of its interest and possibilities in the realm of composition, few ringers seem to have paid 'court' to the queen of plain major methods with fourths place bobs. One advantage of the use of this bob is that peals of 5,000 changes, composed entirely of five-lead courses with 4, 5 and 6 only in 6th's place at course-ends may be produced — an impossibility with the 6ths place bob.

Bobs and singles made at the first treble lead are as under:—

Bob	Single
64187253	64187253
61482735	61482735
16847253	16847253
18642735	16842735
81467253	61487253
84162735	64182735

It will be seen that the calls produce a bob and single lead of Hereward Bob.

The calling positions, keeping the tenors together, are: (a) In and Fifths (bobs at leads 1 and 2); (b) In and Fifth's and Before (1, 2 and 4); (c) Middle (3); (d) Middle and Before (3 and 4); (e) Home (5); and (f) Before (6).

The following specimen compositions give some idea of the possibilities of the 4ths place bob. Each contains 60 course-ends with all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6. The four-part contains, in addition, the 6th the extent in 5-6, while the six and three-parts have 4-5-6 only in 6ths.

M	B	H	5184
S	—		35624
	—		52346
—	—		24356
		—	32456
		—	43256
—	—		35246
—	—		54236
		—	25436
		—	42536
	—		23465

Five times repeated, substituting bob for the single in all but the fourth part.

M	B	H	5056
—	—		35426
—	—		52436
		—	45236
—	—		53246
		—	25346
	—		54263
		—	25463
		—	42563
—			52364
		—	35264
		—	23564
	—		36245
		—	23645
		—	62345
—			32546

Three times repeated, substituting single for bob at H at the 3rd or 11th or 13th course end in alternate parts.

In 5ths M	B	H	5088
	—	—	35426
		—	52364
	—	—	26354
		—	32654
	—	—	25634
		—	53246
	—	—	34256
	—	—	45236
—			52436
	S	—	23654
	—	—	35624
		—	52346
	—	—	24356
		—	32456
		—	43256
	—	—	35246
	—	—	54236
		—	25436
		—	42536
	S	—	23645

Twice repeated.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Marsham, with members attending from Caston, Aylsham, Carbrooke, Diss, Hethersett, Norwich, New Buckenham, Mulbarton, Buxton, Palgrave, Garboldisham, Northrepps, Wymondham, Saxlingham, Attleborough. At the meeting in the Reading Room all the officers and committee were re-elected and thanked for their services.

The next meeting will be held at Wymondham on April 10th.

Middlesex Association

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held at Finchley on January 31st, when over 70 ringers and friends made a representative gathering.

The retiring officers were re-elected, viz., Ringing Master, Mr. A. Cutler; secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Mr. E. H. Kilby; auditor, Mr. W. N. Genna; whilst Messrs. E. M. Atkins, R. H. Begrie and H. G. Hart were elected as representatives on the Central Committee.

Mr. Lock, in submitting the district report, indicated that including three Association general meetings, 13 towers had been visited for meetings, and at those where business was transacted an average of 39 ringers attended. Three members had been lost to the district through death. One honorary life, nine non-resident life and 35 ringing members had been elected to membership. A sharp increase in the number of quarter-peals, mostly for Sunday service ringing, had been notified, the total reaching 88, in which at least 33 shared the conducting and in 14 towers. Harrow Weald is one of only six towers in the country to celebrate the double event of Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday and wedding day by ringing peals on the two actual days.

The statement of accounts showed that the balance of income over expenditure to be carried to the Central Fund amounted to £22 8s. 11d.

The Rev. M. Ridley (Finchley) and the Rev. R. W. Matthews (Willesden) were elected hon. life members, Mr. J. Alsop (Ebbw Vale) a non-resident life member, and the Misses V. Look (unattached) and A. Barker (Kilburn) and Messrs. F. Bullock and R. Wilkinson (Stanmore) and W. Nicholls (Enfield, St. Andrew's) ringing members.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Society's annual lunch was held on January 31st at Oxford, the guests of honour being Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole. Ringing in the morning at St. Cross' and St. Thomas' culminated in ringing at St. Mary-the-Virgin, which was followed by a service in St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar, Dr. R. S. Lee.

About 65 attended lunch at the Forum Restaurant, which was followed by speeches and a business meeting. In particular, thanks were accorded on the Society's behalf to the City ringers, several of whom were present, including Mr. W. F. Judge and Mr. V. Bennett, for very valuable assistance during the year. A special welcome was extended to Canon G. F. Coleridge, a past Master. Later it was agreed that the Society's Ringing Week should be held after Easter—at Bedford, if possible; and Miss Spice promised to investigate the possibilities. Mr. Moreton's proposal (in absence) of a general secretary was also approved.

During the afternoon there was ringing at St. Ebbe's and Magdalen, followed by tea at Magdalen under the auspices of the vice-president, Dr. Sutton. Unfortunately, half way through the ringing at Magdalen (after a course of Cambridge Royal) the rope of the second broke — so ringing continued on the back eight. An otherwise very successful day culminated with ringing at All Saints'.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Regarded as a record was the attendance of 50 at the annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch at Martock on February 7th. Preb. G. W. Saunders conducted the service.

At the business meeting officers re-elected were Preb. G. W. Saunders (chairman), Mr. F. Farrant (secretary) and Mr. W. H. Poole (ringing master). Welcomed to the meeting were Mr. S. Woodburn, Bath branch secretary, and Mr. T. Locke, secretary of the Crewkerne Branch.

Dr. S. L. Brimblecombe, of Stoke-under-Ham, was added to the list of hon. members, and five new members were elected.

QUARTER PEALS

ANGMERING, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's): J. Baker 1, H. Peskett 2, Miss E. Lonnen 3, E. Treagus (cond.) 4, H. Weaver 5, H. Ungless 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. In appreciation the Rev. J. R. Walkey.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Pooley (first in method) 1, L. Fidler 2, F. Croft 3, E. Buck (first in method) 4, E. Winters 5, D. C. Mears (cond.) 6, L. Bywaters 7, R. T. Newman 8.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Wheeler 1, F. Bush 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, B. Williams 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, S. Hart (cond.) 7, E. Howard 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER. — On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): C. Linch 1, G. Castleman 2, Mrs. Wilson 3, R. Swann 4, F. Wilson 5, A. Skinner 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Hilda Oakshett 1, G. Kite 2, E. C. Bishop (first quarter inside) 3, G. F. James 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, S. J. Humprey 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, P. J. Spice 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Feb. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Lodge 1, Miss J. England 2, E. Razzell 3, C. Parks 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, D. Parsons 6, W. Oatway 7, R. Davis 8, D. Cooper (cond.) 9, G. H. Humphries 10. First of Caters for 1 and 3.

DONCASTER. — On Feb. 1st, 1,360 Bob Major: Mrs. N. Wall 1, E. C. Stacey 2, E. Dalingwater 3, C. Toyne 4, F. A. Staveley 5, L. Webb 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. McCluskey 8. First in the method on new bells.

EXETER.—At St. David's on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Searle 1, W. S. Lethbridge 2, H. Spicer 3, T. J. Bartell 4, E. Rowe (first quarter Stedman) 5, P. Foote (first quarter Stedman) 6, W. H. Howe (cond.) 7, H. Kingdom 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Bob Major: Fred Whitby 1, Vincent Tipton 2, Stanley Clark 3, Benjamin Burton (first quarter) 4, Geoffrey Blake (first quarter) 5, Lewis Cordell 6, William Wedlock 7, William Wheeler (cond.) 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,272 of Minor (1,080 of Reverse Canterbury and 192 of Plain Bob): E. G. D. Tonkin (14) 1, J. Hobden 2, E. E. Breed 3, B. Stepney 4, G. Beeney 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Feb. 1st at St. Margaret's, 1,248 Bob Minor: G. Nicholls 1, H. W. Pratt 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, G. L. Perkins 5, John Perkins 6.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Moore (first quarter) 1, R. Lofty 2, C. Cuson 3, R. Fisher 4, T. Spight 5, C. H. Moore 6, H. Tooke 7, R. W. Curson (cond.) 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At St. John's Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. G. Bannister 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, F. Blondell 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, F. Corke 5, W. N. Genna 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, W. H. Coles 8. Rung unconducted.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.—On Jan. 31st, at the Church of SS. Philip and James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Dunwoody 1, J. T. Dunwoody 2, John Savage 3, W. Pratt 4, N. Savage 5, J. Edgar 6, H. Brown (cond.) 7, Joseph Savage 8. A farewell to the three Savages, who are leaving for U.S.A.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Feb. 1st at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, S. Croft 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 6, E. Furbanks 7, J. Bullock 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. J. Smith 1, H. Burton 2, J. Herbert 3, L. A. Goodenough 4, E. Conquest 5, R. Kendall 6, H. Wood 7, A. E. Rushton (first in method as conductor) 8. First quarter for 3, 5 and 6.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cooksley 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, Miss N. Gardner 3, F. Scudemore (first quarter) 4, D. Gardner 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, W. Bush 8. In memoriam Mrs. E. Palmer.

PRESTON CAPES, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled): Miss M. Locke 1, F. W. Hutt 2, Rev. R. H. Palmer (first quarter) 3, K. R. Holtom 4, V. Perry (cond.) 5. In memoriam John Hulls, killed in road accident. Believed to be first quarter on the bells.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Linwood 1, A. Gilbert 2, W. Houghton 3, H. Heathfield 4, S. E. Roberts 5, A. Parish 6, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Allgood 8. First quarter in the method 1, 4, 6 and 8.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Wm. E. Allman 1, C. Ward 2, W. Allman (cond.) 3, T. H. Mather 4, A. Billington 5, E. H. Hughes 6, J. Orme 7, D. Maddock 8. First by all the band except the conductor. Also on Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Allman 1, R. Hulse 2, A. Billington 3, C. Valentine 4, J. Orme 5, T. Mather 6, J. Bibby (cond.) 7, E. Hughes 8. First quarter by 2, 3, 5 and 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Penn 1, H. Marfell 2, W. Scott (first quarter) 3, G. Wilks (first as cond.) 4, H. Meek 5, W. Beard 6. In memoriam Lloyd Watkins, former ringer.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on Feb. 1st, 1,344 Bob Major: S. Clements (first quarter Major) 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, G. L. Perkins 3, L. W. Fisher 4, H. W. Pratt 5, G. H. Dunnington 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, John Perkins 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX. — On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wenban (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cattell 2, T. J. Clark 3, F. Bullock 4, C. Wenban (first inside) 5, R. Wilkinson 6, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 7, G. A. Hughes 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Fairhead (first quarter) 1, Miss A. E. Smith 2, W. C. Parker 3, N. E. Shorter 4, E. Armstrong 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, R. G. Andrews 8.

STEPNEY, LONDON. — On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Bob Major: A. H. Russell (first of Major) 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, T. G. Fox 3, L. J. Fox 4, A. T. Boomsma (first of Major) 5, J. H. Boomsma 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. O. Baker 1, J. Bartlett 2, Miss M. Critchell 3, A. J. Gray 4, E. G. Coward (cond.) 5, A. Braddick (first quarter) 6.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 31st, quarter-peal of Plain Bob: J. Ranford 1, F. Boucher 2, T. Pratt 3, F. Merrick 4, W. Ranford 5, C. Bowers (cond.) 6. In memoriam Miss B. Morris.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS. — On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 Antelope, 120 each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk and April Day): J. Honey 1, Miss N. Honey 2, D. Wilks 3, A. R. Pink (cond.) 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6. First quarter in eight methods 1, 3, 5 and 6. First quarter 'inside' in eight methods 2.

TWYFORD, BERKS. — On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, J. B. Ford 3, W. E. Judd 4, R. C. Noon 5, G. Martin 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to F. V. Sinkins (83).

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,248 Oxford Treble Bob Major: C. Matthews 1, H. D. Harris (cond.) 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, C. H. Harding 4, R. J. Sharp 5, A. C. Sinfield 6, A. Rushton 7, B. F. Sims 8. A 'double' golden wedding compliment to C. Matthews and H. D. Harris.

LETTERS

KENT MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—Mr. Macey is right off the subject in his letter on membership quaification. My letter criticised Rule 5 of the K.C.A. and this Association is still governed in a democratic way by the voice of its members. If the bells are open for ringing in a church or cathedral (whatever denomination) or a public building, ringers will be there to ring them.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham.

GREATEST NUMBER OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—It would seem that Lincoln Cathedral holds the record for possessing the greatest number of bells among the English cathedrals. In the central tower there is Great Tom (5 tons 8 cwt.) and four heavy quarter bells; the north-west tower holds two old bells used for daily services, and in the south-west tower is the modern ring of twelve, a total of 19, which will be increased to 20 when the Rupert Richardson memorial bell is installed.—Yours truly,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

HETHERSETT IMPERIAL C.B. MAJOR

Dear Sir, — The method in 'The Ringing World,' dated February 6th, 1948, 'Hethersett Imperial Court Bob Major,' is misnamed. A method cannot be 'Imperial' and 'Court.' It is either one or the other. A method is 'Imperial' when it has one or more pairs of adjoining places. 'Court' implies the absence of adjoining places. 'Court Bob' literally means 'short dodge.' In ringing it is applied when one or more dodges in a sequence of four rows is or are omitted due to an internal place or places other than adjoining places.—Yours faithfully,

W. TAYLOR.

Penwortham, near Preston.

CATERING

Dear Sir,—I report the following facts of the Watford (Herts) District meeting in the hope that there might be some easing of the difficulties of district secretaries by securing more co-operation of ringing members.

As I advertised asking for names for tea I was led to expect 50 to tea and I gave the caterers instructions accordingly. In the tower before tea many ringers were present who had not advised me and quite 10 ringers were absent who had done so. I had to announce that the catering was for 50 and those who advised me should have priority.

As a result of this not more than 40 sat down to tea and a loss was incurred. I now feel it is useless to ask people to advise me about tea and I must in future take a chance and err on the small side.

I feel sure all district secretaries would say that catering is now their chief difficulty and they need all the help they can get.—Yours faithfully,

S. H. HOARE.

Hon. Sec., Watford District.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWBURY BRANCH.

According to Mr. Hedges, a veteran ringer of Brightwalton, the meeting at Speen was the first to be held there for 70 years! Ringing ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise and Shaw bells were also visited. The Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Williams) conducted the service.

A discussion arose at the business meeting over the granting of certificates of membership to beginners. No qualifications were at present required, but the meeting thought that new members should be able to ring 120 changes on the treble before being granted a certificate. The branch representatives were asked to bring the matter forward at the General Committee meeting.

It is hoped to arrange a combined meeting with the Basingstoke Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild early in May at Aldermaston.

Doncaster & District Society

With regret the Society received at the 27th annual meeting at Doncaster on January 31st the resignation of Mr. H. Woodhouse, who had held the office of treasurer since the formation of the Society and was now 86. Canon Ll. Davies, who presided, spoke in appreciation of Mr. Woodhouse's services.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. Stacey; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. E. Critchley; peal secretary, Mr. F. Newsome; committee, Messrs. E. Short (chairman), E. Dalingwater, E. Padgett, B. Birkett; auditors, Messrs. E. Cooper, H. Wagstaff.

It was announced that Doncaster had again won the Walker Cup, for the best attendance at Sunday service ringing in 1947, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Spibey, of Preston, to the Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. Stacey. Mr. Stacey, in response to applause, said that although he was pleased that Doncaster had won the cup, he would be much more pleased to see more towers taking part in the competition.

The pleasing number of 14 new members was elected. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. E. Cooper to the Vicar for all his help, to Mr. Owen Le P. Franklin, organist, and to the ladies and the local company for the magnificent tea which had been provided. The fine ring of eight, tenor 30½ cwt., was rung in various methods until nine o'clock.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch's annual meeting at Kingsteignton on February 7th attracted a good attendance, the general secretary of the Guild being voted to the chair. Five new members were elected.

The secretary's report mentioned weekly handbell practices under the leadership of the branch secretary, and tower bell practices at Highweek directed by Mr. J. E. Lilley.

The Rev. W. R. D. Mills resigned the office of chairman and Mr. J. E. Lilley was unanimously elected his successor, as well as Branch Ringing Master. Mr. A. L. Bennett was re-elected secretary and treasurer; whilst Mr. B. H. Cooper was re-elected auditor. Miss L. E. Cload, of Teignmouth, and Messrs. C. F. Austin and W. C. Wakley, of Paignton, were re-elected to serve on the General Committee. The Guild representatives on the Central Council are due to be appointed this year, and the branch decided to send a recommendation to the General Committee that Messrs. A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) and T. G. Myers (Plymouth) be nominated.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Kingsteignton for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and to the branch officials for their past services.

Ringing took place at Highweek Parish Church in the evening.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

About 70 members attended a most successful quarterly meeting at Pontypridd on Feb. 7th. After the service, conducted by the Rev. Shilton Evans, the visitors were entertained to tea by Mr. Hopkin Morgan, son of the donor of the bells.

Mr. J. W. Jones, reporting on restorations at the business meeting, said it was doubtful if Abergavenny bells would be ready for Easter as was anticipated, additional work having to be done to the tower.

The Rev. Ivor Richards reported that Trevethin bells had been restored and re-dedicated. Mr. S. R. Barker stated that St. John's, Cardiff, tenor was going badly and needed attention. It was intended to have it seen to as soon as possible.

An endeavour is to be made to meet the request of Machen ringers for an instructor.

Mr. E. Coles reported that a new band had been formed at Bonvilston, and he hoped they would be ringing rounds for Easter. Five new members and one life member were elected.

OBITUARY

MR. T. A. BURTENSHAW.

Shoreham-by-Sea has lost a veteran ringer by the death of Mr. T. A. Burtenshaw, aged 84. 'Tommy,' as he was kuown by Sussex ringers, had been ringing for over 50 years.

The funeral was on February 14th, and immediately after the service 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung, half-muffled, in memory of a great friend, by B. Challon 1, R. Challon 2, L. Sears 3, E. Marsh 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, H. Stalham 7, T. Drinkwater 8.

MR. ALFRED J. REDMAN.

The death occurred at his home, 23, Hyde Park Place, London, on February 13th, of Mr. Alfred J. Redman, aged 72. A widow, two sons and a daughter are bereaved.

Mr. Redman was for some years a keen ringer and his home tower was St. Peter's, Staines, where he was a Sunday service ringer. His first peal was at Wraysbury on March 12th, 1904. After leaving Staines he did but little ringing on account of business ties, and from 1919 to 1936 he lived at Byfleet, Surrey, where the funeral took place on February 16th.

He was a breeder of thoroughbred horses, also chairman of Messrs. Wells and Winch, brewers, of Biggleswade, Messrs. Sanders and Co., jewellers, of Brixton, and Messrs. Pemberthys, of Oxford.

MR. FREDK. F. TRUSLER.

A regular service ringer at St Leonard's Church, Aldrington, Sussex, for close on 50 years, Mr. Frederick F. Trusler died on Feb. 5th after a brief illness. He was in his 80th year.

Mr. Trusler became a member of the band in 1899 and previously was a member of the Midhurst branch. A very reliable ringer and of a jovial disposition, he will be much missed by all who knew him.

Of his peals at St. Leonard's two are of special interest. That on February 2nd, 1901, for the passing of Queen Victoria was the first on the bells by a local band, and that on January 14th, 1928, of London Surprise Minor, the first to be rung by a local band in Sussex.

The funeral service at St. Leonard's Church on February 10th was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Mogridge). The towers of St. Peter's, Brighton, and the Good Shepherd, Brighton, were represented by Messrs. R. G. Cross, W. Hart and J. Reynolds. There was half-muffled ringing at the close of the service, and 720 Grandsire Doubles were rung in the evening by W. K. Sharpe 1, S. Brown 2, E. G. Godley 3, A. J. Cherryman 4, G. A. Steele (cond.) 5, H. Brown 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

Most towers were represented at the annual meeting held at Spalding on February 7th.

Canon P. C. A. Carnegy, Vicar of Spalding, presided over the business meeting, and was supported by Mr. J. Freeman, Master of the Guild.

The officers were re-elected en bloc: President, Canon P. C. A. Carnegy; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. E. Allen; Ringing Master, Mr. J. G. Ames; Guild representative, Mr. A. J. Farr; auditors, Miss B. Duffy and Mr. A. J. Farr.

The Rev. L. C. Perfect, of Deeping St. Nicholas, was elected vice-president. The Rev. Leeke, of Surfleet, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. G. Johnson, B. Spicer and B. Pell were made ringing members.

A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 27s.

The quarterly meetings for 1948 were arranged as follows: Donington, April 3rd; Tydd St. Mary, June 12th; Lutton, August 7th; Bicker, November 13th.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 1st, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: G. Barber 1, R. Cropley 2, Miss B. Smith 3, F. Bush 4, W. Coe 5, S. Hart 6, B. Williams (cond.) 7, R. Brooks 8.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

RAYMOND FULLER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY MAYES	4
*GORDON DEAR	2	JOHN CHURCH	5
MISS DAPHNE J. HARE	3	LEWIS H. BYWATER	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATER.

SLYMBRIDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's.
Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK TOCKNELL ...	*Treble*	OLIVER HILL	4
HAROLD HOBBS	2	TREVOR PRITCHARD ...	5
LESLIE BARRY	3	*VICTOR WARD ...	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

H. WINGROVE ...	*Treble*	T. G. HAWKINS	4
MISS D. R. FLETCHER...	2	W. LEE	5
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ...	3	F. D. BOREHAM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft, also as a compliment to their daughter, Mrs. T. G. Hawkins, whose birthday fell on that day.

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. WILLIAMS ...	*Treble*	FREDK. C. JOHNSON ...	4
GEOFFREY W. SMITH ...	2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER ...	5
ALBERT E. DIXON	3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*HARRY DAVIS	*Treble*	FREDK. W. SWEET	4
MERVYN E. FARTHING...	2	WILFRED R. KENT	5
RONALD D. SHORT ...	3	T. GEORGE BURGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED R. KENT.

* First peal. First as conductor.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six different extents of Plain Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. DIXON	4
GEOFFREY W. SMITH ...	2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	5
FREDK. C. JOHNSON ...	3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
BETTY SPICE	3-4	ALFRED BALLARD	9-10
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5-6	HAROLD J. POOLE	11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: John R. Smith.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWIN JENNINGS	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	OLAVE BROYD	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 480 Stedman, 720 St. Simon's, 1,920 Grandsire, 960 April Day and 960 Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	5-6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

First peal in five Doubles methods in Ireland, for the Association and by all the band.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	5-6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Bob Minor 'in hand' by all the band.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	JOHN FREEMAN	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7-8
		*KENNETH W. MAYER ...	9-10

Composed by GEO. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
AT, 37, WARKWORTH STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

GEOFFREY DODDS	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	*JOHN B. ROWSELL	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLIS,
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 and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	1-2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7-8
		*FRED PRICE	9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal 'in hand' as conductor.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents.

*DONALD C. PRICE	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON...	3-4
WALTER AYRE	5-6		

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own food. Cup of tea available.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3074

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Feb. 28th, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. —John Downing, Hon. Sec. 3086

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch meeting, Saturday, Feb. 28th, Fakenham. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please reply early.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3081

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Windsor Parish, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 5.45 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3082

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Alvaston, Feb. 28th, 3. Tea 5. 3083

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thrybergh (6), Feb. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3101

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, March 1st, practice meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Sec. 3125

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Ringing meeting, March 6th, Ipswich, St. Clement's St. Lawrence's and St. Mary Quay. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 at Co-op Cafe, Carr Street. Names by March 3rd, please, to Edward Ellenger, District Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3073

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amey (8), March 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by March 1st.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 3087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Tenterden, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 3rd to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3085

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent, March 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Miss D. Dobbie, 117, High Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, by March 3rd, please. All ringers welcome.—E. M. Mitchell. 3088

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Morriston, March 6th. Bells 6.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business following.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot. 3081

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Barton Segrave (5), March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—G. Watson. 3115

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Watford (6), March 6th. Names for tea to me by March 2nd.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 3113

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Kingsthorpe (6), March 6th, 2.30 p.m. Names MUST be sent for tea by Feb. 24th to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 3096

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly, Loders (6), March 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by March 1st.—C. H. Lathey. 3110

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Brown Edge (6), Saturday, March 6th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pointon, 126, North Street, Ball Green, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent. — W. Carnwell Hon. Sec. 3097

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead (6) on Saturday, March 6th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Blackburn, March 6th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3103

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Coalpit Heath (6), March 6th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3105

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield, March 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea. Names by March 3rd to Mr G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at St. Mary's, Lancaster, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. — J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 3120

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Witham (8), Saturday, March 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 3rd, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A special meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, March 6th. This is arranged as a farewell to Canon Wilkinson, who is leaving shortly for Ripon. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m., Hagenbach's Cafe, for those who notify me not later than March 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3121

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Annual.—Meeting at Acle (6), Saturday, March 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Room, 5.15. Bring own sugar. Number for tea by Wednesday, March 3rd, to J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3024

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Coppull, on March 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Rev. J. W. Carpenter, St. John's Vicarage, Coppull, Lancs, by Wednesday, 3rd. Please make it a good meeting.—N. Heaps. 3111

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, March 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Bradley, 2, Glen Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, by March 3rd. 3122

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Netherseale (8), March 6th. Service 4.30. Tea only for those who notify by March 4th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 3127

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston (now 8) on March 6th at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. L. Culbert, Dis. Sec. 3117

ST. DAVID'S GUILD. — Quarterly, Haverfordwest (8), March 13th, 3. Service 4, tea following. Names by March 6th.—C. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 3089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual General Committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th, at St. Aldate's Rectory Room, 3 p.m. sharp.—Wm. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 3072

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 13th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. Names by March 10th to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead. 3106

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Ranmoor, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. For tea notify Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield 11. — H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. 3107

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, March 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by the 9th, please.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3104

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Great Mongeham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea must reach Mrs. C. E. Court, Owens Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, not later than Wednesday, March 10th. Northbourne available after tea —B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3100

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Badby, Saturday, March 13th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Fennell, Charwelton, Rugby, by March 6th. — F. W. Hancock. 3099

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Monthly, Ilkeston, March 13th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names by March 10th to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 3108

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 13th, Bishop's Cleeve (6), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Monday, March 8th. Good bus service.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 3112

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—District annual meeting, Corston, Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by March 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 3114

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, at Church of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Saturday, March 13th, at 3 p.m. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, not later than Thursday, March 11th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 3118

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names must be sent to R. Ashby, 138, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, by Wednesday, March 10th.—W. C. Hughes. 3109

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Hodnet, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Bring own food.—A. E. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3116

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY, APRIL 24th, 1948. — Dinner tickets 8s. 6d. (strictly limited). Short coach tours round district towers, leaving St. Peter's Hall 12 noon. Tickets 6s. Handbells, entertainment, etc., etc., after dinner. For tickets and leaflet of details apply Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3067

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UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Leeves (13) (first quarter) 1, C. J. Hart 2, Miss J. Durrant (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. Eade 4, J. Hart 5, A. Richardson 6, F. Weller (first as conductor) 7, R. Packham (first quarter) 8.

WATFORD, HERTS. — On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wise (first quarter) 1, R. G. Bell (cond.) 2, Dr. F. S. Poole 3, A. R. Dawes 4, G. Seaman 5, S. H. Hoare 6, F. H. Crook 7, A. W. Dix 8.

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THE PINNACLE

THERE is a delightful story concerning one of the notorieties of the Exercise, who shared a room with another ringer during a tour. In the middle of the night he woke his companion and remarked, 'There's only one heavy bellringer better than I, and he's dead.' Probably it was the subconscious mind working; nevertheless one can picture the bliss on that veteran's face as he turned over and went to sleep with his own knowledge of having reached the pinnacle of individual achievement.

It is possible that there might be a number of readers who will regard this little story as applicable to them. Claimants to be the best tenor-bell ringer living are many. Every vigorous well-built young ringer has aspirations in that direction, not excluding some of the ladies. A sense of individual satisfaction accompanies a fine performance. But the people who get the fun are the non-tenor ringers. 'We shall soon see the **great** man roll up his sleeves and mount the tenor box and look round for a challenger to his right to the tenor,' whispered the wag of the party as this personality arrived at the church. And it was so, but the memory remained and caused many a smile throughout the meeting, and it was the **great** man with his sleeves turned up who demonstrated how to ring that tenor in an impeccable style.

Some weeks back the writer met one of those budding tenor men. From his conversation the bud had blossomed forth into a beautiful flower in the full glory of perfection. Noted tenor after tenor was discussed with the air of a connoisseur as he expounded upon respective idiosyncrasies. His listeners felt themselves to be such puny mortals until the bait was set. 'How would you like to ring —— to a peal?' The question from a famous conductor brought the glint of quest to his reply, as he replied in an eager affirmative. 'Of course, we'll have young —— to strap with you.' Interest dropped. This was a one-man job in his eyes, and the glory would vanish immediately.

Conceit, some of us ordinary folk might regard such ambitions, proclaimed with the challenge of fearlessness. These men, however, serve the Exercise well. The determination to be masters in their particular spheres sets a high standard and creates a spirit of emulation which is the basis of athletic prowess. They reveal to the student that there is no decadence about this age. In the knowledge of their performance, however, they have their reward. Such a prize is denied to most of us, but we ordinary folk have our great moments in the serenity and peace that accompany the highest use of the bells, perfect service ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Feb. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Frank E. Haynes	*Treble*	Sidney O'C. Holloway	7
John Pinfold	2	Albert Walker	8
George E. Oliver	3	Leonard Tuffrey	9
G. William Critchley	4	Henry H. Fearn	10
Herbert C. Spencer	5	George E. Fearn	11
George F. Swann	6	Edward T. Lloyd	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Herbert C. Spencer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*

At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Thomas J. Lock	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley	7
Albert W. Coles	2	*H. E. C. Goodenough	8
John Thomas	3	*Denis A. Bayles	9
William H. Hewett	4	Walter Ayre	10
Charles W. Roberts	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
James Bennett	6	Reuben Sanders	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by William H. Hewett.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus, also on the bells and in the county. In memoriam William H. Lawrence.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Robert G. Freeman	*Treble*	Ralph Harris	5
John Thomas	2	Patrick Harris	6
Margaret Rowlands	3	Joseph D. Johnson	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Joseph E. Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John Thomas.

* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. R. Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Charles L. Sadler	*Treble*	Alfred T. Poulton	5
John J. Webb	2	Reginald Poston	6
George R. Hanks	3	William T. Poston	7
*Reginald T. Jones	4	William Poston	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Poston.

* First peal of Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary, Deane,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Charles Brownlow	*Treble*	Albert E. Sandiford	5
*James Hewitson	2	Edward Iddon	6
*Leslie Peters	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
Thomas Bratby	4	John H. Hamer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward Iddon.

* First peal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

John P. Kent	*Treble*	*Tom Davis	5
*Doris Lidbetter	2	A. Mark Stacey	6
Arthur H. Fulwell	3	Arthur H. Harding	7
Percy E. Clark	4	Frank Miller	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Mark Stacey.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

Jack Bray	*Treble*	Fred Jeffery	5
*Ronald Traviss	2	Philip Barnes	6
Frank Lord	3	George W. Moody	7
Arthur Tomlinson	4	*Arthur Crowder	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal of Triples.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Containing 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

Fredk. J. Finch	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Leonard H. Bowler	2	*Maurice Hodgson	6
George M. Kilby	3	Alfred J. House	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 25½ cwt.

*Wm. H. Hargreaves	*Treble*	Albert W. Bond	5
Arthur Gravett	2	Henry Stalham	6
Maurice Thomas	3	R. Gordon Cross	7
George Ades	4	*Herbert W. Woolven	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Fourths Place Bobs. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Walter C. Medler	*Treble*	*Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	5
*George Sayer	2	Nolan Golden	6
*Ernest G. Shorting	3	†Charles H. Moore	7
F. Charles Goodman	4	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method with fourths place bobs. † First peal 'inside' in the method with fourths place bobs.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*

At the Deanery Church,

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

Henry Pratt	*Treble*	*Philip Chalk	5
Claude Snowden	2	Ronald Suckling	6
*Stanley Bones	3	Harry Millatt	7
Ernest Bright	4	Joseph Jennings	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Olave E. Broyd	*Treble*	Edwin Jennings	5
Walter Arnold	2	Ernest W. Pye	6
Albert Catterwell	3	Robert Young	7
Cecil Barker	4	Charles H. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest W. Pye.

First in method as conductor. J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Gerald Ball	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
†John E. S. Moreton	2	Charles Marshall	6
Frank Trotman	3	Alfred Ballard	7
Walter P. Whitehead	4	John Thompson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

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

IDLE, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	FREDK. SEAGER	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	HARRY DAVISON	6
*FRED DAVISON	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ...	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY DODDS ...	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	2	*JOHN B. ROWSELL ...	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED...	7
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ...	4	T. MARK WHITE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. V. LATHBURY	*Treble*	W. GOLDSTONE	5
*MISS JOAN SMITH ...	2	C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ...	6
JOHN B. HESSEY	3	R. ANDREWS	7
REGINALD LATHBURY ...	4	F. E. HAWTHORNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REG. LATHBURY.
* First peal. Also a birthday compliment to R. Andrews.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOHN B. SANSOM	*Treble*	HORACE BELCHER	5
*JOHN E. CHILCOTT ...	2	HERBERT LANGDON ...	6
WILLIAM J. PAICE ...	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*A. OLIVER LEWIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM LEWIS	5
ALLEN MORGAN	2	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	6
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	7
REGINALD WOODYATT ...	4	*JAMES F. NASH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE CHURCH ...	*Treble*	*MAURICE THOMAS	5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ...	2	*FRANK HOWE	6
*ROBERT CHALLEN	3	†GEORGE WIGGENS ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	HENRY STALHAM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. The conductor's 1,550th peal and 900th as conductor.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MRS. C. WOODGATE	*Treble*	FREDERICK SOUTER ...	5
WILLIAM S. MAY	2	FRANK C. MAY	6
WILLIAM PERRY	3	†FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	7
DONALD COOMBES ...	4	GERALD FROST ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal on the bells.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

ALEC MUNDY ...	*Treble*	FREDK. A. TARGETT ...	5
THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	6
HENRY J. SANGER ...	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
*HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Jan. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one of Cambridge, two of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ...	*Treble*	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
JOHN THOMAS	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven variations. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. MAY	4
WILLIAM PERRY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
GERALD FROST	3	FRANK C. MAY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz., London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*ALFRED W. CUSICK	*Treble*	JAMES H. COOKE	4
JOAN M. WEBSTER... ...	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	5
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	WILLIAM DEAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE ...	*Treble*	*HENRY GAYLARD	4
HERBERT W. PEARCE ...	2	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	5
MISS FREDA M. POOLE...	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two different extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HAROLD KILBY ...	*Treble*	NEVILLE MOYES	4
JOHN E. CLARKE	2	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5
RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores and eight 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's Arrangement. Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	*HAROLD AUSTIN	4
THOMAS WITTS	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
GEORGE CASE	3	TREVOR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Doubles.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY.
NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 of Antelope, 1,200 each of Old and Plain Bob and Grandsire. Six callings of Antelope, four of Old and Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire, all different. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS R. E. DONNELLY *Treble*	†WILLIAM M. ROWE ... 4
*IAN A. NAPPER 2	*JOHN DUNCAN 5
*NORMAN G. ROBINSON... 3	*ALAN R. GRANT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.
* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells. First peal in four methods of Doubles in Australia.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*RICHARD J. PEARCE ...*Treble*	ALBERT J. CHUBB 4
SIDNEY WYBURN 2	ISAAC FARMER 5
†RAYMOND YOUNG 3	HENRY W. LLOYD ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First peal of Surprise for all the band and on the bells.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER SMITH ... ...*Treble*	HAROLD GROOM 4
*JOHN SMITH (17) ... 2	*SIDNEY SMITH 5
REGINALD STACEY 3	*JAMES BURR ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD GROOM.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band and since rehanging. In memoriam W. H. Lawrence.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

STANLEY GILBERT ...*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK 4
WILFRED YOUNG 2	PETER BORDER 5
*MISS C. DUNNINGTON... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First Surprise peal.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob and Plain Bob and two extents of both Oxford and Kent Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 16⅜ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPHERD ...*Treble*	GIRLING RIGBY 4
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 2	ALBERT HARTLAND 5
HERBERT TURNER 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: One of Plain Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DOUGLAS BELLAMY ...*Treble*	HARRY PURCHASE 4
SYDNEY SMITH 2	GEORGE SPARKES 5
CLAUDE TARR 3	EDGAR QUICKE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.
First peal in four methods by all.

HINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR ROTHWELL ...*Treble*	GEORGE TALBOT 4
*JEFFREY J. PAUL 2	†JOHN A. GRAY 5
FRANCES EDGAR 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD G. L. COWARD.
* First peal of Bob Minor. † First of Bob Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells. A welcome to the Rev. W. H. Cook.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOD ...*Treble*	†MISS D. L. FRENCH ... 4
FRANK K. MEASURES ... 2	†J. WILLIAM BENNETT ... 5
*E. CHARLES TURNER ... 3	FREDK. WATSON ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES,
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 21, THE CHINE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 1-2	ALBERT M. TYLER 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	DONALD G. CLIFT 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

HAROLD A. MAY 1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*T. MARK WHITE 7-8

Composed by W. AYRE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal 'in hand' and first in method.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDK. E. DUKES 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
First peal of six Doubles methods in Ireland, for the Association and by all the band. In memoriam Mahatma Gandi.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A

JOHN A. ACRES 1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 7-8
GEOFFREY DODDS 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A

OLAVE E. BROYD 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY 7-8
†RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire Caters.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT 83, CHURCH STREET.
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 3-4
RONALD SUCKLING 5-6	

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Cannington, Somerset, was the first on the bells since 1903 and was a birthday compliment to Mr. T. George Burge.

Mr. Stedman H. Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, is desirous of a peal of 'Stedman' on Stedman's own bells with a complete band of 'Stedmans.'

Two new bells are being put in at Patrington, Yorks, to complete the octave. The Archbishop of York will dedicate the bells on April 28th.

The first peal of Cambridge Maximus to be rung at St. Albans Cathedral was on the birthday of Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, who has been a member of the Cathedral band for 40 years and conductor for 25 years.

Ely Diocesan Association has another peal of Stedman Triples to record, called at Littleport by that Guildford conductor, Mr. A. H. Pulling. The previous peal was as far back as 1912!

St. Clement's Bob Triples, rung at Worcester, is recommended for those who would like a change from Grandsire and Stedman Triples. 'It is easily learned and interesting to ring,' writes Conductor George E. Large.

If any young ringers undergo their military training at the Palace Barracks, near Holywood, Northern Ireland, they will find a welcome awaits them at the Parish Church. Practice, Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m.; service ringing, Sundays, 10.45 and 6.15.

After 20 years away from ringing, Mr. Hermon J. Oliver is forming a new band for the recently dedicated bells of Downham, Essex. This week we record his first peal at the age of 62.

St. Jude's, Randwick, Sydney, have replaced their withdrawn peal. It was rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. O. V. Abram), who is leaving for England. Miss Ruth Donnelly is the first lady in N.S.W. to ring a peal. Well done, Australia!

While the peal of Minor was in progress at Hindon, Wiltshire, the Rev. W. H. Cook telephoned the Rev. C. C. Cox, Ringing Master of the Salisbury Guild, at Lyme Regis about 50 miles away, and he was able to hear the bells quite well.

Ten officers of the Lancashire Association started for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Manchester Cathedral on February 21st to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker's golden wedding. After about one hour's ringing, someone switched off the belfry light from below and this ended the attempt. Another is being made at Bispham.

Radley College Campanological Society visited Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foundry on February 4th and were conducted round by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who 'answered all our questions.' Writes the Society's correspondent: A very substantial gap in our knowledge has been filled and everyone greatly benefited from the experience.

The Central Council Biographies Committee has reproductions of photographs of some original members of the Council, including the late Henry White, J. W. Whiting, J. Pettitt, J. W. Waghorn, K. Hart, E. Horrex, J. S. Goldsmith (1902), F. Hopgood, W. Gifford, Rev. F. E. Robinson, M. A. Wood, I. Shade. Copies of these can be supplied at 1s. each, postage extra if less than six are ordered, from A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

LETTERS

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND DUBLIN

Dear Sir,—In your leader on the proposed visit of the Central Council to Dublin, you mention only the problem of expense, but this is not the only or most important objection, since the associations will, no doubt, wholly or partly meet their representatives' expenses.

The question of time is a most important factor. It must be borne in mind that the actual day of the meeting (Whit Tuesday) is for most people a working day, and I should imagine that this must have accounted for many a suitable person declining nomination for his particular association.

I do not know much about travel to and from Dublin, but it is obvious that the day following the meeting would be devoted to returning home, which means that members attending would have to obtain at least two days' leave of absence from their jobs, and it is questionable whether this could be justified at a time when all are being asked to work harder than ever before.

This problem arises to a lesser extent, of course, when meetings are held in England, and it would be interesting to learn what is the percentage of absenteeism at C.C. meetings in recent years and to what extent this factor is the cause.

Nowadays, Saturday is becoming more and more a non-working day in all branches of industry and commerce, and the Central Council and its affiliated societies might study the question whether it would be advantageous to hold the meeting on a Saturday instead of Whit Tuesday.

This, of course, would not help where Dublin is concerned, but most parts of England could be reached by travelling overnight or at most having Friday afternoon off from work and the delegates would be left with Sunday in which to travel home.

Such a change might have the effect of inducing many able men to accept nomination as representatives, thereby giving the Council greater virility, lack of which, in my opinion, is the present Council's chief weakness.—Yours sincerely, H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford, Herts.

GROVE'S VARIATION

Dear Sir,—It was with much interest that I read the leader, 'Grandsire Triples,' of the issue of February 13th. I should like, however, to point out to Mr. Corrigan and to those ringers who are learning or calling Grove's Variation for the first time that the call affecting the 5th and 6th bells is not altogether omitted in the quarter-peal. The quarter-peal from Grove's Variation is obtained by substituting, in one part only, a bob for the first single, in the part. The calling then runs: call 7th, in and out at 3 and home with a bob; and so forth. If the substitution takes place in the first part, the part end is 423567; if in the second part, 342657, or if in the third part rounds. Of course, the bob may be substituted for the single in all three parts, part ends being 423567, 342567 and 234567.

Another useful and musical 'service' touch from the peal may be obtained by calling the first part omitting altogether the last bob, which would normally call seventh 'home.' The bells run round at handstroke at 419 changes, one change short of the part.—Yours sincerely, ROGER O. FRY.

Bath

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The pretty ring of six was kept busy to a variety of methods, with Grandsire and Stedman being foremost, when the Truro Branch held a practice meeting at Perran-ar-Worthal on February 14th. A tribute was paid to the late diocesan treasurer, Mr. Hugh Dunstan. Tea was served to a company of 38 ringers.

Shropshire Association

RECORD NUMBER OF PEALS IN 1947.

Over 50 members attended the annual meeting at Shrewsbury on February 7th, presided over by Mr. A. Pritchard.

The secretary reported that five meetings had been held in addition to the annual. Unfortunately, it was not possible to hold the other two as planned. At Hodnet, the augmentation to eight was not then completed, and the sudden death of the newly-appointed Rector necessitated cancelling the Worthen meeting. Seventeen ringing and five life members were elected during the year.

The Master reported a record year for peal ringing with 22 and that many members had scored either their first peal or first in method. A carved oak peal board (the work of Mr. F. Beddoes) recorded the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Chad's on the Royal Wedding Day.

Another happy occasion was the wedding on August 27th of the secretary (Mr. E. D. Poole) and Miss P. Fletcher. A band rang for the wedding at Malins Lee and a peal at Condover. A presentation of a cheque as a wedding present from the Association was made, with thanks to them for carrying on duties as secretary and assistant secretary since 1942. It was with regret that they had to relinquish those offices through living in Buckinghamshire

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard; Central Council representative, Mr. G. L. Hewitt; auditor, Mr. W. H. Hughes; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer; hon. secretary, Mr. E. A. Reeves, 22, Rosedale, Harlescott, Shrewsbury.

Three ringing members were elected and the pre-peal election of Messrs. A. D. Collins and A. F. Hirst, of Wolverhampton, ratified.

An invitation from the Crewe Branch, Chester Guild, to meet at Market Drayton on May 29th was accepted. The next meeting will be at Hodnet on March 13th.

A committee was formed to arrange for the printing of the report to cover the years 1940-47, and it was unanimously agreed to increase ringing members' subscriptions from 1s. to 2s. from January 1st next.

Mr. W. Chester, a valued member of Market Drayton band, is returning to Northampton, his home town, after nearly 20 years in Shropshire. As a mark of the Association's appreciation and regard he was elected a free life member of the Association.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. J. WHEADON.

The peal rung at Dartford on February 12th celebrated the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Wheadon.

'Jack,' as he is known to all ringers in N.W. Kent, came to Dartford in 1896 from Brenchley, where he learned to ring on the six. His reception by the old Dartford peal band was anything but cordial, and it was not until some six years later, in 1902, when he made a chance meeting with the late Harry Simmons, that he started ringing in earnest. Since then he has rung about 340 peals in all the standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative.

Jack has never aspired to great things, but has been content to be a good ringer and striker on eight bells, and to fit in with any ringing plans, whether it be with a band of youngsters as with experienced experts.

But Jack Wheadon's greatest interest has always been in Dartford tower and bells. In conjunction with the late Harry Simmons he has been instrumental in effecting vast improvements in the ringing chamber, and in the days of the old bells they did quite a lot of bellhanging to keep them in pealable condition.

His ambition now at 76 is to ring 100 peals on Dartford bells, with his nearest rival Bert Audsley. They have rung 92 and 90 respectively.

Beverley and District Society

DRIFFIELD BELLS.

North Ferriby on the banks of the Humber, which commands a vista of the Lincolnshire coast, was the venue for the Society's meeting on February 14th at the invitation of the Rev. Harris Lloyd. The six bells here include one of pre-Reformation days, and a very good touch of Kent Treble Bob preceded the service. The Vicar conducted the service, and Mr. A. H. Fox, vice-president, Eastern District, was organist.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair at the business meeting. Members received with enthusiasm the news that Driffield bells, after over 50 years of neglect, were now in use. Eight members with engineers to observe the action of vibration and examine for dangerous masonry visited the tower. The report was that everything was safe and in a better condition than was expected. Much of this is due to P.-Sgt. T. H. Huddleston, of Driffield, who had been busy cleaning the tower, removing rust and dirt from gudgeons, oiling aid greasing the bells, repairing worm-eaten stays and replacing ropes.

The Society placed on record that after approximately 50 years' silence, the bells of All Saints' Church, Driffield, were rung by members of the Society on February 9th, being 240 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wilkinson (Nunburnholme) 1, A. E. Sellers (Beverley Minster) 2, C. H. Hunter (Hedon) 3, T. Southwick (Beverley, St. Mary's) 4, G. Dowling (Beverley Minster) (conductor) 5, F. Osgerby (Beverley Minster) 6. T. W. Kneeshaw (Market Weighton) and T. H. Huddleston took part in further ringing. The meeting decided to send its best thanks to Mr. T. H. Huddleston for his zeal and untiring efforts. The committee was asked to consider the possibility of promoting a dinner.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

Representatives from twelve towers attended the annual meeting of the Grimsby District on February 7th. The bells were kept going during afternoon and evening. Canon E. L. Marsden, Vicar and president of the district, conducted the service.

At the business meeting officers elected were Canon E. L. Marsden, president; Mr. H. I. Mingay, secretary: Mr. J. Bray, Ringing Master; Mr. G. W. Moody, Deputy Ringing Master; Mr. F. Lord, Northern Branch representative; Mr. W. Bramwell and Mr. M. Walker, trustees of Bell Fund.

The treasurer reported grants of 10 guineas and 5 guineas to Barton St. Mary's and Winterton respectively.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PEAK DISTRICT'S FIRST ANNUAL.

The first annual meeting of the district at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, on February 14th, was attended by 25 ringers, including the general secretary from Derby.

In his review of 1947 the chairman thanked the Darley band for arranging practices and helping depleted bands at important festivals.

Officers re-elected were: Mr. G. H. Paulson, chairman; Mr. H. E. Taylor, secretary. Miss Jean Dunn (Darley Dale) and Mr. N. Brassington (Youlgrave) were elected to the General Committee. The handbell ringing included selections by Messrs. Taylor and Paulson, who had recently been on the air at the B.B.C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Ringing was carried on happily—if not always with quite the polish demanded by the experts—at the meeting at Ewhurst on Feb. 14th. A pleasant surprise awaited the good attendance of members and friends to find that the tea had been provided by an anonymous donor, who was later elected an honorary member. Several new members were elected and the ladies afterwards hurried back to the church to extricate the gentlemen from their difficulties!

Guildford Diocesan Guild

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

Considerable attention has been given by the Guildford District to the care of bells according to the report of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) at the annual meeting on Feb. 21st at Guildford.

Restoration had been completed at Shere, work on Wonersh bells was in hand, two new trebles were to be provided at Worplesdon and the new ring of six was in the church at Send, but would not be dedicated until after Easter.

Mr. G. L. Grover (Guild secretary) urged the meeting to support an increased subscription. There was no hope, he said, of publishing a report on pre-war scale without a higher subscription. He reported a deficit of £10 on the sanctus bell provided at the new Cathedral in memory of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

On the proposition of Mr. Leslie Hunter, the sum of £5 was voted towards meeting the deficit from the district's balance of £32 6s. 5d.

Officers elected were: District secretary, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; Ringing Master, Mr. C. E. Smith; auditor, Mr. Leslie Hunter; General Committee, Mr. R. Whittington. New members elected were Messrs. J. Etherington (Merrow), Colin Arnett, A. Brooks, W. J. Medgett (S Nicolas'), Lady Poysey, Miss M. Davies (Dunsfold), and Miss R. Brading (Godalming).

District meetings were planned for Grayshott, Albury, Bramley and Chiddingfold.

Mr. A. E. Harman, Master of the Guild, presided, the attendance being smaller than usual owing to the heavy snow. The service was held at S. Nicolas' Church, the Rev. R. F. W. Durrant officiating.

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

Activities were twice as many as in any previous year, reported Mr. G. S. Joyce (hon. secretary), at the annual meeting of the Farnham District. The average attendance at the 12 district meetings and combined practices was 60. An increase of 36 members, making a total of 133 (114 ringing, 17 honorary, 2 compounding), was reported.

The Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) stated that the condition of bells and frames in some towers was a little worrying. Frensham's needed expert advice, but Bagshot and Aldershot bells had been overhauled. He had reason to believe that something would be done at Hawley—a black spot—with the appointment of the Rev. Kenneth Davies as Vicar.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr G. S. Joyce; hon. auditor, Mr. P. Eldridge; Executive, honorary, Mr. W. A. Dollimore, ringing, Messrs. W. Viggers and P. Eldridge.

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL RING.

The second birthday of the Association on February 7th started at 7 a.m. by six enthusiasts ringing a peal of Doubles at St. Jude's, Randwick, as a farewell to the Rev. O. V. Abram. This was the first true peal on the bells and the first peal for five of the party.

The festival was held at All Saints', Parramatta (six bells, tenor 10 cwt.). The annual competition shield was won by St. Jude's, Randwick, with Stedman Doubles unconducted, a fine achievement considering that their tower was opened a little over 12 months ago. The team were: R. B. Alcass 1, I. A. Napper 2, N. G. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe (capt.) 4, J. Duncan 5, E. W. Wright 6.

During the afternoon the Australian Broadcasting Corporation recorded the ringing of the winning team and the ladies' team, both being broadcast the following Saturday night over the National network. The ladies challenged the men to a competition ring, and although they put up a good show, failed to beat the stronger sex.

The dinner was attended by 85 ringers and friends and was followed by a dance.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 8th, quarter-peal Plain Bob Major: B. Scott (first quarter) 1, S. Bonnett 2, H. Werritt 3, W. Pooley 4, R. Webb 5, E. Buck 6, W. Collins 7, C. H. Kinch (first as cond.) 8. First quarter Major 3 and 5.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden (first in method as cond.) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, B. J. Forest 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, E. C. Aldridge 8. First in method 3, 4 and 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Feb. 8th at Great St. Mary's, 1,233 Stedman Caters: P. M. Freeman 1, A. H. Pulling (cond.) 2, E. J. Lindley 3, R. F. B. Speed 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, T. M. White 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. L. Martin 8, J. Freeman 9, S. Brown 10. First of Stedman Caters by 6, 8, 10.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. B. Baillon 1, A. Paul 2, Miss G. Ashby (first 'inside') 3, W. R. Paul 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5, J. Kingston 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HUNTINGDON. — On Feb. 8th, at St. Mary's, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, H. Peacock (first on working bell) 2, C. Young 3, C. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

IPSWICH.—On Feb. 8th at St. Margaret's, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Blomfield (cond.) 1, C. Woodward 2, E. Ellenger 3, E. Grimes 4, K. Whittell 5, J. Crapnell (first quarter) 6, J. Munnings 7, S. Arbon 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Feb. 8th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Prior 1, A. J. Boyack 2, F. W. Housden 3, E. E. Holman 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. W. Wellington 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Dawson 8.

LEAFIELD, OXFORD.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roy Ferriman (first quarter) 1, N. Locke 2, Miss Peggy Wiltshire 3, A. Franklin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wilshire 6. In memoriam Mr. T. Hewett, an old ringer.

LONDON.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. W. Ottley 5, E. Furbanks 6, C. M. Meyers (first Surprise Major) 7, J. Bullock 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Feb. 8th, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: B. Madeley 1, R. Hazledine 2, R. Tyler 3, W. Chester 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, F. Price (first as cond.) 7, S. Hughes 8.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 11th, at the Church of St. Euny, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Miles 1, J. Reed 2, Joan Withey 3, A. Carveth 4, H. Seymour (first Grandsire Triples) 5, S. Seymour 6, V. Williams (first of Triples as cond.) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. To mark the 33rd year of regular service ringing of H. and S. Seymour.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hutchinson (first quarter 'inside') 1, Miss M. Gooing (first quarter 'inside') 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, E. Liversidge 4, P. E. North 5, G. F. Tuke 6, A. Firth (cond.) 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. Purvey (first of Plain Bob) 1, R. N. Elliott 2, L. Paice 3, J. A. Parker 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. For marriage of Mr. H. V. Cox and Miss D. M. Johnson.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, F. Cole 2, G. Latham 3, B. Latham 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Thain 6, T. Wills (cond.) 7, L. Barry 8. For 84th birthday of ringer of 2nd.

WISBECH, CAMBS. — On Feb. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Upsall 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, F. Wigmore 3, W. Jarvis 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, J. Phillips 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means (first quarter of Caters as conductor) 9, G. Duffield 10.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Wells (first quarter) 1, R. A. Johnson 2, T. C. Culver 3, V. G. Murphy 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, O. Dann 6.

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MEETINGS

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, March 6th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Chad's R.C. (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 3.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Philip's Cathedral (10) 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3091

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Tenterden, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3085

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent, March 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—E. M. Mitchell. 3088

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly, Loders (6), March 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — C. H. Lathey. 3110

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield, March 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea. 3123

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham (8), Saturday, March 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. 3087

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, March 6th, 3 p.m. 3122

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Netherseale (8), March 6th. Service 4.30. — J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 3127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual General Committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th, at St. Aldate's Rectory Room, 3 p.m. sharp.—Wm. Hibbert. Gen. Sec. 3072

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 13th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. Names by March 10th to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead. 3106

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Ranmoor, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. For tea notify Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield 11. — H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. 3107

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, March 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by the 9th, please.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3104

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Great Mongeham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea must reach Mrs. C. E. Court, Owens Sound, Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, not later than Wednesday, March 10th. Northbourne available after tea —B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Monthly, Ilkeston, March 13th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names by March 10th to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 3108

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 13th, Bishop's Cleeve (6), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Monday, March 8th. Good bus service.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 3112

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—District annual meeting, Corston, Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by March 9th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 3114

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The J. W. Parker commemoration meeting, at Church of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Saturday, March 13th, at 3 p.m. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, not later than Thursday, March 11th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 3118

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names must be sent to R. Ashby, 138, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, by Wednesday, March 10th.—W. C. Hughes. 3109

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Hodnet, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Bring own food.—A. E. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3116

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Berrow, on March 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names by March 8th. — E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3137

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Hartford, March 13th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Thomas Wilmot, 43, Flower Street, Castle, Northwich.—H. Howard. 3134

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 13th, Old Whittington, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—G. C. Briggs, Dis. Sec. 3131

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), March 13th. Tea 5.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 3130

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Saturday, March 13th, St. John's, Mare Street, Old Hackney, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea early, please. — H. W. Rogers, Gen. Sec., 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3126

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Feltham, Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3 p.m.—F. A. Finch, Hon. District Secretary. 3149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 13th, monthly meeting, St. James'. Usual arrangements. Teas (bookings ONLY) by March 9th.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Branch Sec. 3153

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Meeting at Twyford, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. NAMES MUST BE SENT to Mr. R. M. Spencer, Twyford, by the 11th.—J. H. Cook, District Sec. 3152

DEVON GUILD.—Practice meeting at Highweek, Saturday, March 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea. —Fredk. C. Smale. 3151

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Padbury (6), March 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by March 10th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3150

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6), Saturday, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by March 10th Rev. Mercier, The Rectory, Yate Bristol. 3148

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, March 13th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at the Railway Hotel. Names by March 9th.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3146

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh District. — Meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Corner Shop. Names for tea by March 8th to J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec., 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk. 3144

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, March 13th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Levland. 3138

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 8th. Bring own sugar.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3141

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting, St. Helens, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Tea will be provided. It is very necessary that those requiring tea notify Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, Lancashire, not later than March 10th.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 3157

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ulverston, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Names for tea to N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston, by March 10th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3156

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3142

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, March 13th. Tea for those who notify Mr. A. Eastland, Blyth, Worksop, by 9th. — H. Denman. 3143

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Kirk Ella, March 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) only those who notify by first post, March 11th, Mr. A. H. Fox, Kilmarnock, Kirk Ella.—A. E. Sellers. 3155

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea in local cafe to those who send names to the Rev. H. Sargeant before March 11th.—I. Kay, Sec. 3161

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Baslow (6), Saturday, March 13th. 3 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. No tea arranged. —H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale. 3160

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Saturday, March 13th, practice meeting at Wivelsfield (5). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names by 10th to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. 3159

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, March 13th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. —G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 3158

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. Six-bell contest to be held at Kirkburton, March 20th. Tea provided. Entries and names for tea to reach me not later than March 13th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 3128

SOUTHWELL MINSTER.—Meeting, Saturday, March 20th, 2.30. Service. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by 16th. Easily accessible by road and rail.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 3139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Shorne, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, March 16th.—B. W. May, Hon. Sec., Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 3145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Cirencester. Watermoor bells 11 a.m. Lunch (3s. 6d.) 1 p.m., Church Hall. Business meeting 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Parish Church. Address by the Bishop of Gloucester. Tea (2s. 6d.) after service. Parish Church and Watermoor bells after tea. Names for lunch and/or tea by March 22nd, important, to Hon. Sec., Cyril R. Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. 'Phone Fishponds 55110. 3129

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting at Norwich, Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles', 10 to 11.45 and 2.15 onwards; also St. John de Sepulchre 2.15 onwards. Service, Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. W. G. Bridge. Lunch, Samson and Hercules House, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Names for lunch to me by March 20th.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 3079

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Dartford, on Easter Monday. Committee meeting, Sutton's Hall, 10.45 sharp. Service in Parish Church 12 noon. Luncheon provided for members and friends at 3s. 6d. per head; applications for tickets to undersigned as early as possible, please. Towers: Dartford, Crayford, Erith (St. John's and Christ Church) and Bexley—times later. Business meeting in Church Hall after lunch. Light afternoon teas obtainable at Sutton's Hall.—G. H. Spice, General Secretary, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 3147

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice.—The Guild Festival will be held at Mere, Wilts, on Saturday, May 1st.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec. 3135

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THE CALL OF IRELAND

OUR editorial, 'Dublin,' has prompted Mr. Fred E. Dukes, hon. secretary of the Irish Association, to give readers in general, and members of the Central Council in particular, some idea of conditions in Ireland. The following is a list of rings of bells and their distance from Dublin:—

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Enniskillen Cathedral.	Excellent.	20 cwt.	110 miles.
Londonderry Cathedral.	Excellent.	30 cwt.	180 miles.
Eight-bell towers—			
St. George's Church, Dublin.	Excellent.	21 cwt.	
Christ Church, Bray.	Good.	30 cwt.	12 miles.
St. Peter's, Drogheda.	Fair.	20 cwt.	30 miles.
Arklow, St. Saviour's.	Excellent.	22 cwt.	50 miles.
Kilkenny Cathedral.	Excellent.	20 cwt.	75 miles.
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St. Mary's, Limerick.	Excellent.	24 cwt.	120 miles.
Christ Church, Lurgan.	Excellent.	21 cwt.	90 miles.
Belfast, St. Thomas'.	Excellent.	20 cwt.	110 miles.
Holywood, SS. Philip and James'.	Excellent.	12½cwt.	115 miles.
Bangor, St. Coomgall's.	Fair.	20 cwt.	130 miles.
Carrickfergus, St. Nicholas'.	Excellent.	14 cwt.	120 miles.
Ballymena, St. Patrick's.	Good.	21 cwt.	140 miles.
Coleraine, St. Patrick's.	Excellent.	20 cwt.	150 miles.
Hillsborough, at present rehanging.			100 miles.
Six-bell towers—			
Rostrevor, Co. Down.	Good.	12½cwt.	75 miles.
Bandon, Co. Cork.	Fair.	12 cwt.	190 miles.

There are, therefore (writes Mr. Dukes), only a few towers in Dublin vicinity, but opportunity may be taken to arrange two or three tours for peal ringing, one for towers in south and say one or two 'up north.'

Apart from ringing, the delegates may like to know something about Dublin and its surroundings. In Dublin they would, no doubt, be interested in all or some of the following: St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, Trinity College, Dublin Castle and Guinness' Brewery! South of Dublin there is Killiney (Ireland's Bay of Naples), Dublin Hills, Bray and Co. Wicklow, known as the Garden of Ireland, with Glendalough and the Vale of Ovoca. At Arklow, J. W. Washbrook rang his peals, with two tower-bells 'in hand.' North of Dublin there is the Hill of Howth with its excellent view of Dublin Bay and Ireland's Eye. The Boyne Valley, where King William of Orange defeated King James, extends inland from Drogheda.

Dublin is well served with hotels, which are compelled to maintain a certain standard and must be registered with the Irish Tourist Board. Perhaps those who propose recommending the visit would consider making a week or two's holiday of the Council meeting visit.

A sub-committee has been formed by the Irish Association to consider preliminary details, which they hope to have completed by the time of our annual meeting, and it is hoped to have some further information within a short time of Easter Monday, the date of our meeting. 'We hope, however, that the matter will be given every reasonable consideration and that the Council will honour Ireland with its first meeting out of Great Britain in 1949,' concludes Mr. Dukes.

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*WILLIAM ROGERS	5	†PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 300th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LIVERPOOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
*GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	*ERIC J. GILBERT	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method. In memoriam Lord Derby.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *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 15½ cwt.

*ARTHUR TATE	*Treble*	‡JACK WAUD	5
†HORACE S. MORLEY	2	‡THOMAS H. FOSTER	6
‡GEORGE WAUD	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	7
‡J. J. TAYLOR	4	CHARLES H. HUMPHREYS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal. † 50th peal ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	ERIC A. DENCH	5
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	2	†MAURICE HODGSON	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
*DONALD C. PRICE	4	LEONARD H. BOWLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM PYE	*Treble*	RICHARD BENSON	5
*MISS R. M. ELKINGTON	2	HAROLD WALKER	6
MISS MARY ELKINS	3	ALBERT FORD	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Treble*	MAURICE HODGSON	5
*MRS. P. A. CORBY	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
*MRS. J. THOMAS	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
*WILLIAM ROGERS	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	FREDK. J. CULLUM	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheadon, Dartford. Tenor 15 cwt.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ROBERT W. R. PERCY	5
GEORGE BEENEY	2	PETER H. ROLLISON	6
ERNEST GOWER	3	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	7
RONALD W. PANKHURST	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

In honour of the birth of Janet May to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. R. Percy. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES W. MUNDAY	*Treble*	ALWYN E. A. SMITH	5
STANLEY WEBB	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
*WILLIAM CLIFT	3	JOHN CHESTERMAN	7
HARRY E. BALAAM	4	ERNEST P. AUSTIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. W. MUNDAY.

* First peal.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	*Treble*	JOHN WILLIS	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	TIMOTHY J. ANDERSON	6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
PERCY PAGE	4	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP.

First peal as conductor.

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DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
FREDK. J. CULLUM ...	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
FREDK. A. COLEY	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
DENNIS L. HALL	4	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.
To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheadon.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BRO. F. RALPH WILLIAMS, Justice Lodge (4632)	*Treble*
BRO. JOHN BOOTH, Standish Lodge (4955)	2
BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress Lodge (4120)	3
BRO. EDWARD IDDON, Antiquity Lodge (146)	4
BRO. EVEREST FORD, Rectitude Lodge (5197)	5
BRO. ALBERT FORD, Affability Lodge (317)	6
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Antiquity Lodge (146)	7
BRO. PETER CROOK, JUN., St. John's Lodge (221)...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by BRO. A. TOMLINSON.
A memorial to the late Lord Derby. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

SIDNEY PROCTOR	*Treble*	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ...	5
*WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	2	*JOHN CRAGG	6
*ARTHUR MACKEARS ...	3	*ALBERT SCOTT	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN B. FORD	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS...	5
FRANK V. SINKINS ...	2	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE	7
WILLIAM E. JUDD	4	DAVID H. PEARCE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR HATCH	*Treble*	CHARLES BLAKEY	5
ERIC BRUNTON	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
ROGER LEIGH	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS...	4	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

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

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
JOHN LUNHAM	2	THOMAS HORRIDGE ...	6
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	3	THOMAS MARSHALL ...	7
NORMAN HEAPS	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
RONALD E. NORRIS ...	2	CYRIL J. GOULD	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ...	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ...	4	ELLIS J. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MISS AUDREY A. EWINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING ...	5
TONY PRICE	2	RONALD C. NOON ...	6
WALTER SPARROW ...	3	RICHARD E. PRICE ...	7
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since their restoration.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*RHODA HEMMING	*Treble*	GORDON HARRISON ...	5
†GEOFFREY HAIR	2	GEORGE L. RODEN ...	6
WILLIAM J. LEACH ...	3	*THOMAS MARRIOT ...	7
GEORGE F. BAILEY ...	4	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD...	5
FRANK L. HARRIS ...	2	STANLEY E. COOK ...	6
*RONALD MARLOW ...	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
HAROLD A. NOBES ...	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN (C.C.C. No. 216).
Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SQUIRE CROFT	*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	6
*N. G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER...	4	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ...	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ERIC G. BENNETT ...	3	W. ARCHIE LOCK	7
ARTHUR G. BASON ...	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ...	*Treble*	PHILIP WALKER	5
*REV. NOEL E. HOPE ...	2	H. PETER RAYNOR ...	6
EDWIN G. MOORE ...	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*PALMER WHITTELL ...	*Treble*	†EDWARD ELLENGER ...	5
JAMES ROSE	2	KEITH WHITTELL	6
†ERNEST BLOMFIELD ...	3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	7
EDWARD GRIMES	4	CLAUDE WOODWARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ERNEST BLOMFIELD.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GLOUCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part.

Ronald Wright ...	...*Treble*	Harry Daniels	5
George Case	2	William Cox	6
William Sidwell	3	Thomas Newman	7
Harold Austin	4	Harry Newman ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Newman.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. E. Maulden ...	...*Treble*	Frank L. Fisher ...	5
George A. Fleming ...	2	*Albert E. Whiting ...	6
Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	3	Leslie C. Wightman...	7
William Wightman ...	4	William J. Button ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie C. Wightman.
* First peal in the method.

ROYSTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Walter D. Pooley	...*Treble*	*William A. Collins ...	5
*Horace Werrett ...	2	Peter Border	6
Edwin J. Lindley ...	3	Edwin G. Buck	7
†Roy V. Webb (15) ...	4	Cyril H. Kinch ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by E. J. Lindley.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. Tenor 12 cwt.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

William Dixon ...	...*Treble*	William Barton	5
W. Eric Critchley ...	2	†Gordon Benfield ...	6
Leslie W. G. Morris...	3	J. Edward Cawser ...	7
*Patricia E. M. Barton	4	John E. Turley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Barton.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

MARLOW, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Harry Wingrove	...*Treble*	*Richard E. Dean ...	5
Harry W. Badger ...	2	†Joseph Young	6
E. Dennis Poole ...	3	Roland Biggs	7
*Walter Avery	4	F. Donald Boreham...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harry Wingrove.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. In memoriam Mr. W. H Badger, father of the ringer of the 2nd. Tenor 15 cwt.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 or. 4 lb. in E flat.

Oswald Claybrook	...*Treble*	George H. Randles ...	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
John E. Bibby	3	Walter Allman	7
George Ledsham	4	James C. E. Simpson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Cox. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.
First peal of Bristol on the bells.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Bertie A. Cornell	...*Treble*	William J. Arnold ...	5
Leslie T. Hansell ...	2	Thomas J. Southam ...	6
Alan White	3	Donald C. Price	7
Charles F. Sayer... ...	4	Denis A. Bayles ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 11 cwt.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Norman G. Goodman	*Treble*	Sidney T. Holt	5
†George E. Large ...	2	Thomas Hemming ...	6
Wm. B. Cartwright ...	3	*Reginald Woodyatt ...	7
Clifford Skidmore ...	4	*Thomas W. Lewis ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Henry H. Fearn	...*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
*Vincent A. Hemming...	2	*Edward T. Lloyd ...	6
Edgar C. Shepherd ...	3	*Arthur D. Cook ...	7
Albert Walker	4	George E. Fearn ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Hudson. Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Basil Last	...*Treble*	George T. Bunning ...	4
Charles E. G. Banham	2	Bert Gogle	5
†George Adams	3	Leslie W. Houghton ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie W. Houghton.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
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 11¾ cwt.

*Sydney Hough, jun.	...*Treble*	Charles W. Lawton ...	4
Eric Simpson	2	Joseph W. Whittaker...	5
Arthur Hibbert	3	James A. Milner ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by James A. Milner.
* First peal in nine methods.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

*Peter Marriott (12)...	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton ...	4
†Arthur J. Marriott ...	2	Jack Bailey	5
Tom. J. Marriott ...	3	Alfred Mould ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bailey.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods of Minor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

Peter J. Woodgyer	...*Treble*	J. E. Lewis Cockey ...	4
Fredk. W. Goodfellow	2	Frank Corke	5
*Herbert W. Impey ...	3	Thos. G. Bannister ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Bannister.
* First peal of Minor. Quickest peal on the bells.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Stanley G. White	...*Treble*	Henry Colley	4
*Fredk. H. Meeten ...	2	Henry Weaver	5
Raymond P. Wood ...	3	Leonard Stilwell ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.
* First peal of Minor. In memoriam Edmund H. Lindup.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	*GEORGE AMOR	4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	BRIAN SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
* First peal in seven methods. 90th peal as conductor.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings), 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*TONY BURROWS	*Treble*	†ROBERT J. ANDREWS	4
FRANK UWINS	2	DAVID SLEET	5
*P. ROY COLLINS	3	*REG. J. COLEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SLEET.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal in two methods by all.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, and 12 of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR S. READE	*Treble*	*JACK MOORE	4
C. ARTHUR MANNING	2	ARTHUR SHOREY	5
*KENNETH WHEELER	3	PATRICK EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*A. VICTOR WILSDEN	*Treble*	*JAMES STOCKBRIDGE	4
*MRS. J. STOCKBRIDGE	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
*ALAN E. BUTLER	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, and two extents each of Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*JACK BAGSHAW	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
*HENRY KIRK	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	3	JAMES A. MILNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.
* First peal.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Primrose Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON	*Treble*	ALBERT H. BENNETT	4
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	CYRIL WANDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
To welcome the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen.

BECKLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of (1) St. Simon's; (2) St. Martin's; (3) Eynsham; (4) St. Leonards; (5) Cassington; (6) St. Peter's; (7) Plain Bob; (8) Kennington; (9) Old; (10) Norfolk; (11) April Day; (12) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (13) St. Columb; (14) Clifford Pleasure; (15) Southrepps Pleasure; (16) Grandsire; (17) St. Blaise; (18) Fortune; (19) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (20) Northrepps Pleasure; (21) Antelope. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY W. BADGER	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	3
†NORA HONEY	2	ALAN R. PINK	4
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal 'inside' in more than one method. The first peal on the bells.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The First Session of the Twentieth Council (51st Annual Meeting) will be held at Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C. (by kind permission of the Master, the Rev. Canon Adam Fox, D.D.), on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1948, at 11 a.m.

All nominations for Officers — President, Honorary Librarian and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—signed by two members of the Council, together with all notices of Motions, signed as above, must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting.

Subscriptions became due on January 1st.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

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

BELFRY GOSSIP

A new handbell record of Major with a peal of 13,664 Double Norwich Court Bob Major has been claimed by Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner. This was rung at the Royal Masonic Junior School, Bushey, on Feb. 29th, by E. A. Barnett, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore and E. C. S. Turner (conductor). The feat was accomplished in 6 hours and 4 minutes. Congratulations to all concerned.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since the last peal at Chobham, Surrey. This peal was the first to include members of the local band.

At Evesham, Worcestershire, big things are being planned, including the recasting of the bells.

Mr. Ellis J. Hills has broken a 30 years' absence from the peal columns by a peal at Rochester, Kent. This was the first peal on St. Margaret's bells for 20 years.

Sixteen-year-old Miss Rhoda Brown is the first of her sex to call a peal in the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. We doubt whether any other lady of 16 has called the Rev. E. Bankes James' peal of Cambridge Surprise.

The title of the Surprise peal rung at Frodsham on January 27th should be Cheshire Surprise and not Chester Surprise as published in 'The Ringing World' of February 27th. The error is regretted.

Owing to the bells going badly, a peal attempt failed at Bispham, Lincs, on Feb. 28th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shuker.

There was, however, 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung at Christ Church, Manchester, in honour of the happy occasion on February 22nd by R. Benson 1, A. Cairns 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, A. Frost 4, R. Aviey 5, B. Walshaw 6, H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, J. Clegg 8.

Our overseas letter bag includes a letter from Mr. George W. Williams, of Charleston, South Carolina, telling of 889 changes rung at St. Michael's, Charleston, on New Year's morning. 'Our midnight "peal" was well received by those who could hear it above the accumulated noise of ships' whistles and automobile horns, and we are aiming next year for a true quarter-peal.'

An interesting point about the peal of Double Norwich at Portsmouth Cathedral on February 14th was that it contained 92 singles and no bobs.

Eighty-three-year-old Frank V. Sinkins rang in his birthday peal at Stoke Poges on Feb. 14th.

Other octogenarians receiving birthday peal honours were Mrs. Williams, mother of Laurence J. Williams, at Churchkirk, Lancs, and Mr. Senior, of Parbold, Lancs, who was the donor of the tenor bell at Douglas-in-Parbold.

By ringing the treble and tenor respectively to a peal of Bob Major at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, Messrs. C. W. Munday and E. P. Austin have each 'circled' the tower.

The half-muffled peal at Marlow was to the memory of Mr. W. H. Badger, who was associated with the church for 78 years, either as chorister, bellringer or organist. It was rung on the first anniversary of his funeral.

From Mr. A. R. Wilson, of Holy Trinity, Hobart, a letter tells of their Royal Wedding ringing. 'We had a great evening ringing a "peal" of Doubles 10 times (120 x 10 = 1,200). We finished with a Royal salute of 21 bells at 9.40 p.m. The stonemasons have nearly completed the tower, the exterior has been repaired and all of us are very pleased with the work done.' A photograph of the team is included.

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HENRY JOHNSON DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD ..... RECORD NUMBER OF PEALS ..... A FAREWELL TO A BELOVED RECTOR ..... UNUSUAL SECRETARIAL RECORD

NO signs of austerity marked the Diamond Jubilee gathering at the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, last Saturday. The Food Office regarded the occasion as one meriting the relaxation of the 100 maximum rule, and a company truly representative of the Exercise, numbering 160, was present.

In the chair was Canon T. Guy Rogers for the last time, his retirement after 23 years as Rector of St. Martin's taking place this year. The past 12 months were memorable in the history of the Guild, having been a vintage year with a record number of peals and some of exceptional merit. Those present included two ringers — G. T. Mitcheson and Charles Williams—who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. To them was accorded a special round of applause.

Mention was made during the proceedings that Mr. W. H. Reeves had entered his 20th year as secretary of St. Martin's. His predecessor, Cclr. A. Paddon Smith, held office before him for 20 years, and before him for 20 years was Mr. W. H. Godden as secretary. Will tradition prevail over experience? That is the question.

THE GUESTS.

Supporting Canon Rogers and Mrs. Rogers on the top table were the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and Lady Mayoress, Rev. Canon S. Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston) and Mrs. Blofeld, Councillor A. Paddon Smith (Master), Rev. F. F. G. Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. Warman, Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Reeves, Mr. G. E. Fearn (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Fearn, Messrs. F. E. Haynes, A. Walker, W. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (London), Mr. T. W. White.

The visitors included Messrs. K. S. B. Croft, J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Miss M. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, Mr. J. L. Millhouse and Miss Millhouse, Miss J. Southerst, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Wayman (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Messrs. W. Allman, J. E. Bibby, J. Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Messrs. C. Dean, R. Davies (Croydon), Messrs. P. Baker, C. Rouse, W. Williams (Cheltenham), W. T. Elson, T. H. Francis (London), J. Bass, C. W. Cooper (Stourbridge), Miss M. Fidell (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Miss M. R. Cross (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. F. Skidmore, F. J. Sampson, J. M. Stallard, C. Baker (Bristol), D. C. Mears, L. Fidler (Hitchin), S. H. Green (Kent), Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin (Southampton), Messrs. C. Sharples (Blackpool), R. Godwin (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot), Mr. D. T. Matkin, Mrs. Marshallsay, Capt. E. F. Samson (Bournemouth).

A visitor from the Lincoln Guild, Mr. K. S. B. Croft, proposed the toast of 'Church and State and the City of Birmingham' in a particularly able fashion. Touching on affairs of State, he implored those present not to accept the doctrine of any creed without exercising commonsense and freedom of thought. He commiserated with Birmingham, the city of a thousand trades, at having lost two through nationalisation.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY PEALS.

The Lord Mayor, in his reply, expressed regret at the resignation of the Rector. On the theme of the toast he gave this dictum: The State is the servant of the people and the people not the servant of the State. If they kept that principle in the forefront, then prosperity would come their way.

As to ringing, it was his sincere wish that it would not be long before they would be ringing for a thanksgiving in their churches to celebrate economic recovery, bringing with it a knowledge that they were living in a more peaceful world and that they would then be free to carry forward the great social reforms they wanted to see, particularly housing.

The Chairman reminded the company that he must have responded nearly 20 times to the toast. He recalled the past work of the Church as a social agency and said that a great deal of what was done by the Church in the past was now done by the State. It was very important that the voluntary spirit in the Church should be preserved and that the Church should remind people that there was a higher authority than the State.

In conclusion, Canon Rogers said: I have been here 23 years and I would like to testify to the happy relationship that has existed between me and the ringers. Whenever it has been necessary for me to issue a special appeal there has always been a contribution from the bellringers; their relationship has been economic as well as courteous. It is now time that a more nimble rector should climb the steps of St. Martin's tower.

FOR HENRY JOHNSON'S INSPECTION.

The toast of the evening, 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' was entrusted to Mr. J. F. Smallwood. Many of them, he said, had heard that toast proposed by men who had known and rung with Henry Johnson. Year by year they had seen the number of those who knew him sadly diminishing, and to-day there were very few who could tell them much about him.

Henry Johnson was a great character and there was no doubt that he left his mark on the ringing of Birmingham as was evident by the strength of St. Martin's Guild. How interesting it would be if Henry Johnson could step back out of the past and survey ringing as they knew it to-day. One of the things that would have given him a great deal of pleasure as it had done to them was the enormous amount of restoration work in Birmingham, primarily as the result of the activities of St. Martin's Guild. There was no doubt that the influence of this Guild had stretched far and wide, and more restoration work had been undertaken in this city than in any other city of its size. There were still one or two backward districts in the city.

Another thing Henry Johnson would have noted with pleasure was the work of the Central Council, which had been in the forefront in spreading the knowledge of ringing and helping youngsters. He would also be pleased to know that ringers themselves owned their own newspaper. They could control its policy and that would have pleased him very much. He would have rejoiced that two of Birmingham's most promising 'youngsters,' Albert Walker and George Swan, had recently rung their 500th peal together.

THE MASTER'S REVIEW.

'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was honoured on the call of the Master, Cclr. A. Paddon Smith, who said if there were only two backward districts in Birmingham they would be very glad. He took it that Mr. Smallwood referred to bells, and one of those was Handsworth Old Church, whose bells should be recast. Five of them were very old.

From the toast they would observe that St. Martin's Guild had achieved prosperity. It had been handed down to them. St. Martin's was the headquarters of the Guild in the earliest days and still was. The records of their Guild went back to 1755 and they were one of the oldest guilds or societies of any kind in the City of Birmingham. That was not the beginning because in 1647 he believed a man named Billingsly left a croft of land in Broad Street to provide bell ropes for St. Martin's Guild in perpetuity. That land had appreciated in value, and it might be said that St. Martin's had never lost a peal through a rope breaking.

A record number of peals had been rung by this Guild and some of them were exceedingly important in the Exercise. One was Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral on April 12th. It was a Birmingham band that rang the first peal of Cinques at Exeter, and he was a member of that band. Another was the peal of Cinques at St. Martin's to commemorate Mr. Albert Walker's 50th year of membership. It was 5,050 changes—most appropriate.

The Master had a special word of congratulation to the Lincoln Guild on their record peal of London Surprise Major at Heydour and welcomed four members of that band present—Messrs. J. L. Millhouse, C. McGuinness, J. A. Freeman and John Freeman. By their performance the St. Martin's Guild lost their record of London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903, of 14,103 changes. That peal occupied 8 hours and 40 minutes and the Heydour peal 8 hours and 25 minutes. An interesting feature was that both those peals were heard by Mr. Harry Withers as umpire.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S RECORD.

The Master had also a special word for the handbell peal at Bournemouth, in which Mr. James George rang the tenors on his 94th birthday. It was a most extraordinary performance and certainly had never been done before. When Mr. George lived in Birmingham he said he would live to 120. In those days he was the proud possessor of a large handsome black beard, but when he started talking about 120 his beard started to grow grey. He promptly shaved it off. Then his moustache turned grey and he disposed of that. They all wished him the best of luck. (During the proceedings the good wishes of Mr. George were conveyed to the company.)

Altogether 71 peals were rung for the Guild in the past 12 months, the largest number in that period. To paraphrase the saying of a famous statesman: Never have so many peals in the history of this Guild been rung by so few in so short a time.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, the secretary, prefaced his reply by reading a telegram from the Master of the College Youths conveying best wishes for a successful evening, also one from John Taylor and Co. On a personal note Mr. Reeves mentioned that he had the honour of ringing in both Exeter peals. Cclr. Paddon Smith was 20 years secretary of the Guild, and his predecessor also held the office for 20 years. This was his 20th year and they would be looking in due course for another secretary of St. Martin's Guild. He hoped his successor would receive the same generous support as had been accorded to him.

Mr. W. C. Dowding proposed what he characterised as the happiest toast of the evening, 'Kindred Ringing Societies and "The Ringing World."' There was a very strong fellowship among bellringers which was not found among other organisations. If that same feeling of fellowship prevailed among individuals and nations they would be living in a happier world to-day.

Mrs. Deal replied for kindred societies and said for the first time St. Martin's Guild had invited a woman to reply to that toast, which she characterised as a gallant gesture. It was always a pleasure to come there; 23 years ago she was delighted to be there when she rang in a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples. The kindred societies owed a great deal to societies like St. Martin's Guild. They were the rocks on which they built their ringing

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Henry Johnson Dinner

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world, and to-day the other world full of unhappiness made them turn to their little world for consolation.

Mr. T. W. White also replied.

Mr. F. E. Haynes gave the health of the chairman, in which he assured Canon Rogers that his interest during the past 23 years in their welfare was very keenly appreciated. He hoped that it would be possible before he left them to see that St. Martin's ringing chamber, which was in a dilapidated condition owing to enemy action, was restored to its former state so that they could welcome their visitors.

The Chairman promised to look into the matter and added: 'If you really want to show your affection for me will you please find me a house without delay.'

A strong entertainment programme was provided. Songs and duets were sung by Miss B. Marshall and Mr. W. C. Dowding with Mrs. J. C. Edwards as accompanist, there were tunes on handbells by Messrs. E. Mansell, R. Mansell, W. Pocock and A. Print, but the crowning delight was the perfectly struck Stedman Cinques by Messrs. F. E. Haynes, F. W. Perrens, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, F. F. Pervin and G. Fearn.

THE LADIES' GUILD

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The almost incessant rain did not impair the intention of some 20 odd members and a good number of friends to attend the annual meeting at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on February 7th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

At the business meeting eight new members were elected, viz.: Elsie Jackson and Nellie Sanders (Rostherne), Jean Brookes (Bowdon), Lily Dunn, Betty Lee and Elsie Leyland (Holy Trinity, Bolton), Alma Dance (Marple) and Muriel Reay (Westhoughton). The secretary's report and statement of accounts were approved.

Officials elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. G. Wilde; ringing chairman, Mrs. E. M. P. Lawton; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Elkins; assistant secretary, Miss S. P. Wain; District Committee, Misses A. Potter and D. Wilde; Central Committee, Misses M. E. Ridyard and F. M. Laflin.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service and the local ringers, especially Mr. P. Crook, sen.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Chichester was again the venue for the annual meeting of the Western Division, and Canon Lowther-Clarke conducted the Association's form of service in the Cathedral. The Bishop of Chichester welcomed the ringers to the Cathedral and thanked them for their service ringing throughout the diocese Sunday by Sunday. The Bishop afterwards joined the company at tea.

Before the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master (Mr. F. I. Hairs) and held in the Chapter House, members observed in silence the passing of Mr. E. H. Lindup. The report and balance sheet showed an improvement on last year. With one alteration on committee, officers were re-elected. Rogate became an affiliated tower and seven other ringers were elected association members. Subject to permission, meetings are to be held at Walberton, Billingshurst, Fittleworth and Pulborough.

Forty-three ringers, representing 15 towers, took part in the ringing, which ranged to London and Bristol Surprise.

The wedding of Miss Daphne Lambert, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lambert, to Mr. Raymond Jenkins at Horsmonden, Kent, was the occasion for the ringing of 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by F. J. Lambert, sen. 1, F. Bromley 2, A. W. Durham (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, A. V. Bromley 5, E. Bromley 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICS. — On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Beadsmoore 1, W. F. Woodward 2, A. Beadsmoore 3, E. W. Beadsmoore 4, J. W. Cotton 5, H. Beadsmoore 6, E. Morris 7, E. J. White 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Brown 1, J. Merritt 2, S. E. Cook 3, F. W. Bishop 4, H. A. Nobes 5, W. A. Theobald 6, J. H. Hunt 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

BOSTON, LINCS. — On Feb. 15th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Lorna Briggs 1, W. E. Clarke 2, R. Brown 3, S. Jessop 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, B. Jackson 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, on Feb. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Best 1, A. R. Macdonald 2, Miss F. M. Child 3, J. E. Daniels 4, Rev. R. Routh 5, G. E. Evenden 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, P. A. Hunt 8.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. Marriott (first quarter) 1, H. Kirk 2, J. T. Marriott 3, F. A. Forster 4, J. Bagshaw 5, A. Hibbert (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Chapman 1, B. P. Morris 2, Miss E. Walklate 3, G. E. Watson (cond.) 4, J. Shatford 5, B. J. S. Addington 6. First of Cambridge by 1, 3, 4, 5.

CRAYFORD, KENT. — On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Eden (first in method) 1, Mrs. E. A. Barnett 2, A. S. Richards 3, C. Brett-Smith 4, F. A. Coley 5, G. V. Murphy 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. J. Lemon 8.

CROSTHWAITE, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Davies 1, T. Hogarth 2, W. Thompson 3, F. Barnes 4, F. Hogarth 5, R. F. Grisdale (first in method) 6, J. W. Brownrigg (first as cond.) 7, S. T. Hogarth 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Blond (cond.) 1, G. Bishop 2, J. Gordon 3, K. White 4, E. Robey 5, H. Bishop 6, A. Webb 7, B. Brown 8. First quarter of Kent by all.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Minor (240 New London Pleasure, 360 College Exercise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob): J. D. Buckingham 1, C. J. Mann 2, A. Appleton 3, H. R. Appleton 4, G. H. Neville 5, B. C. Mann (cond.) 6.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX. — On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Melhams (first quarter) 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, P. Bettridge (first 'inside') 3, H. Belcher 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. E. Chilcott 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. — At Blacklands on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Joiner 1, A. A. Easton 2, J. Downing 3, S. C. Driver 4, J. E. Pennells 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, T. Reed 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. L. Butler and Miss C. Marsh.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE. — On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with two covers): A. Kingsbury (first quarter) 1, F. Leech 2, E. V. Rodenhurst (cond.) 3, E. Gregory 4, J. Capper 5, C. Hayes 6, T. Gregory 7. A compliment to T. Gregory, on completion of 50 years of ringing at Hodnet Church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Cox 1, R. Blaby 2, A. Heywood 3, A. G. Janes 4, A. Newton 5, W. Avery (first in method) 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, Miss A. Smith 8.

IFFLEY, OXON. — On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 240 Old, 240 April Day): L. W. H. Busby 1, Miss M. H. Biedermann 2, Miss N. K. Honey 3, A. R. Pink (cond.) 4, J. Adams 5, W. Fern 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — At St. Michael's Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,440 Bob Minor: L. Smith 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, P. Beresford 3, J. Webb 4, W. Cope 5, D. Beresford (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4.

LLANDILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE. — On Feb. 21st at St. Teilo, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. L. Williams 1, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 2, R. Scudimore 3, A. Reynolds 4, J. W. Williams 5.

LONDON. — At Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, G. Davis 2, H. Langdon 3, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 4, J. Stevenson 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips 7, J. Rumley 8, R. F. Deal 9, H. M. Page 10.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET. — On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Brake 1, R. Beale 2, R. Welch 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, H. Gaylard 5, J. W. Drew 6, H. J. Sauger (cond.) 7, H. R. Cannon 8. First of Triples by 6 and 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin 2, Miss P. Jackson 3, E. Marshall 4, S. Casley 5, T. Pink 6, C. W. Ward (cond.) 7, G. Herbert 8. In memoriam Mrs. W. Langley. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Edge (first quarter) 1.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Buckley (cond.) 1, R. Airey 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, A. Frost 4, C. Higginson 5, B. Walshaw 6, J. Bentley 7, F. Johnson 8. First quarter for 2, 5, 6 and 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Coles 1, P. Raynor 2, J. Lonsbrough 3, Miss R. Higgins 4, P. Semmens 5, D. Gallop 6, J. Dickinson (cond.) 7, P. Wright 8. First in method for 3, 5, 6 and 7.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Feb. 15th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: N. G. Hollingworth 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, S. Croft 3, J. Armstrong 4, L. H. Bowler 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, W. D. Grainger 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

PURITON, SOMERSET. — On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tottle (first quarter) 1, M. Farthing 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short 4, W. Kent (cond.) 5, G. Burge 6.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Jude's on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, unconducted: R. B. Altass 1, Miss R. E. Donnelly 2, T. A. Napper 3, W. M. Rowe 4, J. Duncan 5, E. W. Wright 6. First unconducted quarter in Australia.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Darvill 1, Miss A. Bailey (first as cond.) 2, H. V. Frost 3, Lieut. W. J. Southam 4, B. E. Johnson 5, F. J. Spicer 6, T. J. Southam 7, H. G. Mason 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. E. Lawrence 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, A. H. Bates 3, W. E. Judd 4, Miss A. A. Ewins (first 'inside') 5, W. Welling 6, R. C. Noon (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 11th, at the Minster, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Foster 1, P. N. White 2, F. G. Hooper 3, F. Pickard 4, A. E. Chilton 5, J. W. Raithby 6, J. F. Milner (cond.) 7, W. S. Chandler (first quarter) 8.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. G. Goodger 1, F. P. Wright 2, L. C. Wells 3, J. L. F. Upton 4, C. F. Mills (cond.) 5, R. M. Cripps 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Rhodes 1, G. Preston 2, P. Coote 3, B. Thomas 4, T. Cutts 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 6.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,272 Bob Minor: Miss M. Grain (first quarter) 1, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 2, H. Sharp 3, G. Gillett 4, O. A. Needham (first in method) 5, R. H. Bullen 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Banner 1, J. Hall (first quarter) 2, F. Gregory (first as cond.) 3, W. Woodford 4, H. France 5, F. Gibbard 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Gauis Chapman, who was 100 years old that day.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS. — At St. Luke's, Blakenhall, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Chilton 1, H. Boswell 2, J. G. Martin 3, E. E. Speake 4, C. R. Collins 5, J. Reynolds 6, A. D. Collins (cond.) 7, S. Griffiths 8. First in method for 1 and 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HETHERSETT IMPERIAL C.B. MAJOR

Sir,—Mr. Taylor very rightly draws attention to the significance of the terms 'imperial' and 'court' used in the classification of methods, and most ringers will agree with his definition of the former.

The characteristic of a court method, it seems to me, is the place-making about the treble, and what goes on in 1-2 does not decide the issue.

Hethersett contains court places in addition to imperial—the method is merely the front work of Sawston Imperial spliced with Dublin Court—and to classify it as completely as possible both words were included in the 'title.'

—Yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

PRESTON CAPES BELLS

Dear Sir,—The claim of Mr. Perry to have rung the first quarter-peal on these bells (see page 88) is not quite correct. On Saturday, Dec. 9th, 1945, I attempted a peal there, but owing to the heavy going of the bells we had to finish it after 2,520 changes in 1 hour and 55 minutes. At the time I was only 17, and calling and turning in the tenor on this very bad going ring was more than I could manage. Others partaking in the attempt were P. Amos, E. Lines, C. Hinton, — Hinton.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM R. HAMMOND.

Northampton.

SCHOOL RINGING GUILDS

Dear Sir,—I note with very great interest that Mr. T. S. Williams, of Shrewsbury, and Mr. F. C. W. Knight, of Orpington, are doing some very good work in forming ringers' guilds in their schools.

I am a schoolmaster and teach in a school containing approximately 250 boys, whose ages range from 11 to 16 years of age.

Three and a half years ago I approached the headmaster and asked his permission to form a school ringing guild. Needless to say, he was very interested and helpful. A large classroom was put at my disposal for 45 minutes of a lunch time break, and notice was given of a talk on 'The art of change ringing' I proposed to give. The room was packed ten minutes before the commencement of the talk.

I feel sure that the boys and girls who attended found the 45 minutes of their time spent in listening well worth while. I was afterwards able to recruit some beginners, and we decided to meet for practice twice a week during the lunch break, using some handbells borrowed from our Cathedral.

In 18 months I had a band ringing double-handed Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. The boys visited their local church towers and were naturally given all help possible by the local ringers.

Two years ago four of these boys were given an audition at the B.B.C. I was in the engineer's box and witnessed the performance, which consisted of three courses of Bob Minor and a plain course of Grandsire Triples excellently struck. The average age of the boys at the time was 14½ years.

Unfortunately, and to the disappointment of the boys, the B.B.C. have not made use of the recording taken.

These boys, and others, have now left school and are active ringing members and conductors of our Association—at least two boys have since conducted their first peal.

Since the formation of our ringers' guild I have given a talk on 'The art of change ringing' at least once a year and have had bumper attendances.

In support of Mr. Knight and Mr. Williams, I am sure that any campanologist schoolmasters who embark upon a similar venture would find it very interesting and useful to the Exercise.—Yours truly,

ALFRED L. SIMMONDS,
Senior Engineering Master.
Mid-Essex County Technical School,
Chelmsford.

BREAKING A TRADITION

Dear Sir,—The following quarter-peal at Kingston-on-Thames of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on February 8th by the following is of special interest: Miss B. Harris (first in method) 1, H. W. Barrett 2, Miss Peggy Kitchen 3, G. C. Goodman 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, H. J. Eldred 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, H. G. Andrews (first as conductor) 8. This was only the second occasion Kingston bells have been rung for evening service (first was at the Vicar's request on November 2nd, 1947) for over 100 years.

Mrs. Savage, of Kingston, died in 1833, and in her will made a bequest to the church, part of which was for the bellringers, in the following terms:—

> And I direct that the said last mentioned divisions shall be taken and applied by the Vicar of Kingston for the time being at his discretion in gifts to the ringers of Kingston Church while they conduct themselves in a sober, orderly and attentive manner and perform their duties both of ringing and chiming to the satisfaction of the said Vicar with an especial condition that the present laudable custom be observed of abstaining from the ringing of peals on the evenings of Lord's Day.

The old ringers apparently 'wangled' round the terms laid down so as to make sure of not losing their money by deciding that no ringing whatever should take place after morning service.

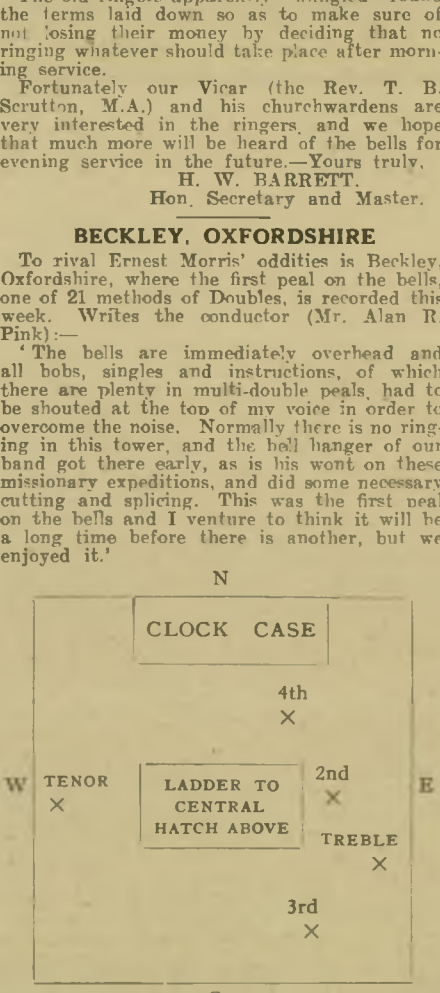
Fortunately our Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton, M.A.) and his churchwardens are very interested in the ringers, and we hope that much more will be heard of the bells for evening service in the future.—Yours truly,

H. W. BARRETT.
Hon. Secretary and Master.

BECKLEY, OXFORDSHIRE

To rival Ernest Morris' oddities is Beckley, Oxfordshire, where the first peal on the bells, one of 21 methods of Doubles, is recorded this week. Writes the conductor (Mr. Alan R. Pink):—

'The bells are immediately overhead and all bobs, singles and instructions, of which there are plenty in multi-double peals, had to be shouted at the top of my voice in order to overcome the noise. Normally there is no ringing in this tower, and the bell hanger of our band got there early, as is his wont on these missionary expeditions, and did some necessary cutting and splicing. This was the first peal on the bells and I venture to think it will be a long time before there is another, but we enjoyed it.'



Hardly a circle is it? The central ladder interferes with vision to a certain extent. It isn't often the ringer enjoys an inspection of 14th century mural paintings as he does on the north wall in this tower.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY MERSON.

Ringers from a wide area will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Percy Merson, of Bishop's Hull, Taunton, on February 18th, at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Merson gave his whole life to ringing; he was a very staunch Sunday service ringer at his own parish church, Bishop's Hull, and in later years conductor of St. Mary's, Taunton. A very safe ringer in all methods, he was a first-class striker.

His peal list was not a long one—about 140—but it contained many that were landmarks in the progress made in his time. For 25 years he was hon. secretary of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association and always gave much of his time to the learner.

The funeral at Bishop's Hull was attended by a large number of ringers and other parishioners. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery. A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of St. James' by the following: George S. Coles 1, Arthur W. Hayward 2, Clifford Williams 3, William H. Tarr 4, Arthur H. Reed 5, Henry Mockridge 6, William G. Gigg 7, Henry Churchill 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A mishap to the tenor limited ringing to the front eight at the annual meeting of the North-Western District at St. Peter's, Croydon. Canon Renshaw, in his address, welcomed 60 ringers, and at the tea table afterwards thanked the ringers for upsetting his bell for Sunday ringing — a remark greeted with applause.

Sixteen new members were elected at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. E. Collins. The retiring officers and committee were re-elected.

Mr. Collins congratulated Mr. W. H. Hewett on having rung his 500th peal. The meeting concluded with a vote of appreciation to Mr. Simmons and his band for their welcome. Ringing in the evening was at St. John's, where some members rang Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus for the first itme.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Under 'any other business,' the Alton and Petersfield District at the annual meeting on February 7th at Alton passed a resolution suggesting to the Guild Central Committee that 'the subscription paid annually by ringing members be raised.'

Canon E. A. Berrisford (district chairman) presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams (Guild Ringing Master), and there was an attendance of 40 members. The meeting stood in silence in memory of the Rev. J. J. Scott, late Vicar of Hawkley.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. E. Bassett) reported a slight increase in membership, which included ringers at Bentworth for the first time in the history of that tower. Mr. W. R. Read (Blackmoor) and Mr. R. A. Budd (Petersfield) were elected members. The district officers were re-elected, and the next quarterly meeting fixed for April 17th at West Meon.

Votes of thanks included one to the Vicar for conducting the Guild's service. Ringing reached Cambridge Surprise Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

Most of the towers in the branch were represented at the meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey on February 14th, and visitors were present from Cheltenham, Bishop's Cleeve and Dumbleton. Capt. Rester presided over the business meeting when new members were enrolled from Twyning and Eldersfield. Ringing ranged from Doubles to Double Norwich and Grandsire Cinques.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

KENNETH MEDWAY	*Treble*	EDWARD J. FRY	4
HAROLD L. PARFREY ...	2	†GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	5
*F. CECIL MOGFORD ...	3	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* Fiftieth peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. FLATTERS ...	*Treble*	*ERIC KEMP	4
*THOMAS CUMMINS ...	2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	5
†MISS RHODA BROWN ...	3	JOHN R. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by MISS R. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 10, 1948, *in* 1 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

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

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH. Witness: Cyril Reek.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	7-8
PHILIP A. CORBY	9-10		

Composed by F. G. MAY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Feb. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	1-2	JOHN FREEMAN	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7-8
JOHN WALDEN	9-10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	1-2	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN ...	9-10
ALBERT WALKER	5-6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	11-12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal on twelve 'in hand.'

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of six extents each of Reading, Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

FREDK. E. DUKES	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
First peal of seven Doubles methods in Ireland, for the Association and by all the band. Tenor size 14 in D.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	3-4
MRS. J. THOMAS	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First six-bell peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	*EDWIN JENNINGS	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.
* 100th handbell peal.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat.. Feb. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 83. HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	*WILLIAM ROGERS	7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells and 50th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S HALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7-8
FRED PRICE	9-10		

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun.. Feb. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MARGARET D. TELFORD ...	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	*WILFRED H. J. HOOTON	7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, WILLOWS LANE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	1-2	ROGER LEIGH	3-4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	5-6		

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.
* First peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed.. Feb. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD F. WOOD	1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ...	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3-4	HAROLD A. MAY	7-8

Composed by R. O. FRY. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours.*
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of four extents each of St Dunstan's, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, six each of Stedman and Reading and ten of Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	5-6		

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MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

A ringing tour is being arranged in Hertford and Middlesex for week July 24th-31st. Young ringers especially invited. Cycles only. — Box 3181, 'Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, Surrey.

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 13th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. 3106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Great Mongeham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea at 1s. 9d. per head. Northbourne available after tea.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 13th, Old Whittington, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—G. C. Briggs, Dis. Sec. 3131

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Saturday, March 13th, St. John's, Mare Street, Old Hackney, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea early, please. — H. W. Rogers, Gen. Sec., 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3126

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Feltham, Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3 p.m.—F. A. Finch, Hon. District Secretary. 3149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 13th, monthly meeting, St. James'. Usual arrangements.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Branch Sec. 3153

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Memorial Hall, at 5 p.m. Bring own sugar.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3141

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Durmeston, near Blandford, on Saturday, March 13th, at 3. Visitors welcome.—Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec. 3164

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Saturday, March 13th, practice meeting at Wivelsfield (5). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. 3159

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, March 13th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. —G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 3158

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. Six-bell contest to be held at Kirkburton, March 20th. Tea provided. Entries and names for tea to reach me not later than March 13th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 3128

SOUTHWELL MINSTER.—Meeting, Saturday, March 20th, 2.30. Service. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by 16th. Easily accessible by road and rail.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 3139

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Shorne, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, March 16th.—B. W. May, Hon. Sec., Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 3145

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District. — Meeting, March 20th, Corley (5), 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Corley Rock Tea Gardens for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. Ringing at Keresley (5) after tea.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 3165

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Goring (6), March 20th, 3. Names for tea (by 17th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3163

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Tilsworth (6), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—H. C. Hillyard. 3167

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & L.D.G.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3169

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester District.—Meeting, Gloucester, St. Mary-de-Crypt (8), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names to Branch Sec., W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 'Phone Gloucester 4053.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Nailsea, Saturday, March 20th, 4. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3182

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8 bells), March 20th, 2.30. Names for tea by 16th certain.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3179

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hughenden, Saturday, March 20th, 4 p.m. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3178

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cold Higham, March 20th. Service 3.30. Please bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Rev. G. V. Fenn. 3180

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey (8), March 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3179

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, 4.45 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3178

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 20th. Hordle bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Milford-on-Sea bells (8) from 6 p.m. Tea at Milford 5.15 p.m. for those notifying Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3177

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, March 20th, at 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names by 17th, please, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 3176

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Penistone (8), Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, by Wednesday, 17th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 3171

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6) on Saturday, March 20th. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin. 3175

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Diseworth, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in school. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 3174

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Barkby (5), March 20th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Village Hall, 5. Bring own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 3173

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting, St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Tea provided free. Names for tea to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton, by March 18th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3187

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3[illegible]

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Nomination meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Members bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting 7.30 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 3184

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Snaith (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring food, tea provided.—T. H. Foster. 3183

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells—Cathedral (12), All Saints' (10), Claines (10) and Hallow (8)—times later. Own arrangements for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3185

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting at Norwich, Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles', 10 to 11.45 and 2.15 onwards; also St. John de Sepulchre 2.15 onwards. Service, Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. W. G. Bridge. Lunch, Samson and Hercules House, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Names for lunch to me by March 20th.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 3079

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Dartford, on Easter Monday. Committee meeting, Sutton's Hall, 10.45 sharp. Service in Parish Church 12 noon. Luncheon provided for members and friends at 3s. 6d. per head; applications for tickets to undersigned as early as possible, please. Towers: Dartford, Crayford, Erith (St. John's and Christ Church) and Bexley—times later. Business meeting in Church Hall after lunch. Light afternoon teas obtainable at Sutton's Hall.—G. H. Spice, General Secretary, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 3147

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow. St. Woolos' bells available all day to 3.30 and after the meeting.—F. J. Hannington. 3168

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wells, Easter Monday. Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. The Right Reverend the Bishop will preach. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Wickenden's Restaurant. Names essential, 1 p.m. Committee meeting, Priest Row, 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Bells—St. Cuthbert's 10.45 to 11.40, 2 to 3 and in the evening except from 6.30 to 7; Cathedral, after lunch till 2.45 and during the evening from 4.45. The following towers will be open on notice being given: Dinder, Croscombe, Glastonbury (both towers), Chewton Mendip.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 3172

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available during the day. Full particulars next week. 3170

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DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Easter Monday. Service 4. Business and tea, Fortes Cafe. Names to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, before March 22nd. Ringing from 3 to 8.—J. Arbury. 3162

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday. 3188

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NORTH-WEST BRANCH.

The North-West Branch's annual meeting at Bradworthy was attended by over 40 members, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill presiding. The report and balance sheet were presented by the secretary and accepted. He said monthly practices at Holsworthy and general practices at Bridgerule and Pyworthy showed keen interest. The branch has made considerable progress.

The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman), J. W. Sangwin (secretary), W. Shears (treasurer), F. Sangwin (Ringing Master), with F. Sangwin, the Rev. W. H. Smale and W. H. R. Smale (representatives to the General Committee) were all re-elected. Ten members of the local tower were elected as members.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar (the Rev. Dobson), the Rev. Ravenhill and the Rev. W. H. Smale for their parts in the service, and to the members of the local band, who gave the branch a hearty welcome.

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SUFFOLK REPORTS

TO hand this week is the annual report of the Suffolk Guild for 1947. This Guild operates through 16 districts in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, with Mr. C. J. Sedgley as Ringing Master and Mr. C. W. Pipe as general secretary and Treasurer. The great desire of the secretary is to put Suffolk back into the premier position it once occupied, and the report is full of personal encouragement.

As it was, 54 peals were rung during the year, and of those of special interest which Mr. Pipe recalls was one of Bob Major at Ufford called by his son at the age of 11. Two peals were rung at Clapton, where the bells were condemned many years ago. The first peal of Royal at Mildenhall was rung soon after the ring had been augmented to 10 and was conducted by Mr. Harry Lister. Spliced Oxford and Kent Major at St. Mary-le-Tower was conducted by Mr. O. G. Barnard, and Cambridge Maximus, when Mr. W. P. Garrett rang his 100th peal of Maximus at the age of 80. This well-struck peal reflected great credit on the part of Mr. Garrett and Mr. George E. Symonds. A peal of Cambridge Major at Stradbroke made news and caused surprise, and the secretary congratulated Mr. Ernest Page on the masterly handling of the 23 cwt. tenor. Stradbroke bells are very fine, but the tall tower oscillates badly and affects the go of the bells. It was nearly 40 years since a peal was rung on them.

The presence of amplifying sets is a cause of concern. Such a set has been installed in the belfry at St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich. When asked by the Rector for his opinion of this innovation, Mr. Pipe replied, 'It is a departure from the truth.' A similar apparatus, he states, may find its way into the tower at St. John's, Felixstowe. With the nice little ring of six at St. Mary Quay, Ipswich, waiting for a new home, he wonders why the Diocesan Authorities could not arrange for the transfer to Felixstowe. His concluding comment is, 'This undesirable practice, if allowed to continue on the grounds of cheapness, will surge into our churches like a mighty flood and will, ironically enough, ring the changes on our present bells, sounding their death knell and that of our art.'

But there are some restorations to report. The new trebles at Mildenhall were a splendid piece of work by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and two trebles may be added at Stowmarket, which should result in another fine ring of ten. Blythburgh Church is to have six new bells, the contract being in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Clapton bells, condemned 20 years ago, have been touched up and are now a worthy six with a 14 cwt. tenor. The reclappering of the tenor at All Saints', Sudbury, is promised. An order has been provisionally placed with Messrs. John Taylor for Grundisburgh, and the fund for this work, the special pride of Mr. Pipe, has reached £720.

Lastly, Mr. Pipe's Priority No. 1 is the finding and teaching of beginners to become regular attendants and good strikers. Every ringer should endeavour to ring for Sunday service and regular practice when progress in method and striking should be the keynote. Worthy sentiments. It is in the regular performance of Sunday service ringing that the justification of our craft exists, and when once that is neglected then bellringing will recede. Peal ringing has one end—more perfect Sunday ringing, and that fact must be kept constantly to the fore.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*KATHLEEN TILLEY	...*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	6
†DOROTHY UDAL	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	3	‡LAWRENCE GREENHOW...	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	‡HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	9
HARRY G. WAYNE ...	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE
* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise and of Royal. ‡ First of Cambridge Royal.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

*ERNEST H. SIMPSON	...*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER...	2	†ALFRED SMITH	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	4	ARTHUR FIRTH	9
WILLIAM BARTON	5	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	...*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	6
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	2	JOHN GOODMAN	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	3	WILLIAM T. POWELL ...	8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	9
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	5	*JOHN H. MORETON	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the ten bells since being rehung.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER ...	...*Treble*	†EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	6
JOHN S. WALTON	2	*LEONARD TUFFREY ...	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	4	HENRY H. FEARN... ...	9
*ARTHUR D. COOK... ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*MISS E. MORTON	...*Treble*	†GORDON LAWRENCE ...	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	CYRIL VALENTINE ...	6
HARRY PARKER	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
*REGINALD W. WORRALL	4	CECIL RADDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING	...*Treble*	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...	5
PATRICIA HOLMES	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	4	WM. H. INWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Feb. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOE GADEN	...*Treble*	A. HUBBLE	5
†G. DARLINGTON	2	D. HINGLEY	6
W. POWELL	3	A. H. HINGLEY	7
H. MORETON	4	†JOHN H. MORETON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. HINGLEY.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	...*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	*DENNIS MADDOCK ...	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	FRANCIS BIBBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of Superlative.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*KATHLEEN HARRISON	...*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ...	5
†ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	2	W. ARCHIE LOCK	6
ERIC G. BENNETT ...	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
FREDK. C. ROPER ...	4	GEORGE SAYER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal, age 15. † 150th peal.

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On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HILDA STOBBS ...	...*Treble*	J. WILFRED ADDISON ...	5
*STEVEN THOMPSON, JUN.	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
THOMAS W. DOBSON ...	3	JACK R. WORRAL	7
ELIZABETH LONGSTAFFE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F.

JOHN E. BIBBY ...	...*Treble*	*RONALD KENRICK ...	5
*THOS. S. HORRIDGE ...	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
THOS. W. HAMMOND ...	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise Major on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

HAROLD KENT. ...	...*Treble*	STANLEY SLANEY	5
JOSEPH SAXTON	2	ARNOLD HILL	6
CYRIL WRIGHT	3	WALTER ALLWOOD	7
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ...	4	GORDON C. BRIGGS	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON ...	5
GORDON HARRISON ...	2	ALFRED MOULD	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	7
GEORGE F. BAILEY ...	4	JACK BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. FREEMAN	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	*PATRICK HARRIS	6
*MISS M. ROWLAND	3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal in the two combined methods.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
*GEORGE TRENDELL	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	7
*EDWIN G. BUCK	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	6
PATRICIA HOLMES	3	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EUNY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

*SYDNEY A. REED	*Treble*	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
MISS JOAN E. WITHEY	3	VIVYAN WILLIAMS	7
HARRY MILES	4	*R. GEORGE CLEMENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal on eight.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*R. E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	A. V. BROMLEY	5
T. E. SONE	2	E. BROMLEY	6
F. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	R. T. LAMBERT	7
F. BROMLEY	4	A. W. DURHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by T. E. SONE.
* 250th peal. A birthday compliment to F. J. Lambert, sen., and J. Beach; both are 81 years of age.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	*Treble*	JOHN W. TAYLOR	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	FRANK W. PERRENS	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	THOMAS SHEPPARD	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

THOMAS HEMMING	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	*LEONARD TUFFREY	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal of London. First peal in the method as conductor.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	WALTER COPPERWHEAT	5
MISS ENID WALKLATE	2	HARRY RICHARDSON	6
RONALD NOON	3	*JOHN SHATFORD	7
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY	*Treble*	*F. ALBERT REA	5
HAROLD WILLETT	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
EDGAR C. BARBER	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	7
EDWARD MAUND	4	HENRY BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal on eight bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HAROLD HODGE	*Treble*	*OLIVER NORMAN	4
GERALD NICHOLLS	2	STANLEY GILBERT	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	JOHN PERKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal.

MORRISTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two Morris' 240's, 38 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JULIAN MORGAN (15)	*Treble*	LEONARD PELZER	4
*LEONARD JONES (15)	2	GEORGE LEWIS	5
ARTHUR HOARE	3	*ROYSTON JONES (18)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR HOARE.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

HEDDINGTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT MARSH	*Treble*	THOMAS R. DAVISON	3
ERIC A. DENCH	2	*HENRY HEATH	4
FREDERICK JACKSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on five bells by all the band. First peal on the bells.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS M. D. REEVES	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	4
ROY D. HAYNE	2	HAROLD FOLWELL	5
DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER	3	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ELY AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*SAMUEL P. MARDLIN	*Treble*	WILFRED C. YOUNG	4
A. LESLIE MARDLIN	2	STANLEY GILBERT	5
LIONEL J. CLARKE	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

W. CORE	*Treble*	J. POUNDS	4
*MISS VERA DRAPER ...	2	A. MAWDSLEY	5
C. ACKERS	3	R. CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.
* First peal 'inside.' To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker. Tenor 12 cwt.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD HIND	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER ...	2	RICHARD REECE	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	FREDERICK FLINT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor, seven different extents.

*CHARLES H. J. ARSCOTT	*Treble*	*LESLIE H. ARSCOTT ...	4
*HENRY L. ARSCOTT ...	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
*RAYMOND F. ARSCOTT...	3	HENRY W. LLOYD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
* First of Minor in three methods.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT ...	*Treble*	DENIS R. MORRIS	4
*ALLEN MORGAN	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 100th peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, HIGHER SUTTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	4
JOHN WORTH	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	5
ALAN A. POTTS	3	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one each of Reverse Canterbury, Oxford Single, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

JOHN HALE	*Treble*	THOS. S. HORRIDGE ...	4
SYDNEY FLINT	2	ROBERT GUY	5
THOS. W. HAMMOND ...	3	WM. H. DEACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents: (1) Capel, Sandal, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars'; (2) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise; (3) Stamford, Rossendale; (4) Wells, London; (5) Ipswich, Cambridge; (6) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet; (7) Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

BRYAN SIMS	*Treble*	*RONALD J. SHARP ...	4
*ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 50th peal together. First peal in 21 methods by all, in the county and for the Association. 76 changes of method.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 six-scores (10 callings) and eleven 240's by Morris (11 calling Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CLIFFORD BOOTH	*Treble*	BENJAMIN STEPNEY ...	4
*REGINALD L. HUGHES ...	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
*FRED R. T. BOOTH ...	3	*BOB BOOTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

MADRON, CORNWALL
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	*Treble*	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	4
*W. ARNOLD WHITE ...	2	*GEORGE W. THOMAS ...	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM...	3	*THOS. J. WOOLRIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM. ...
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT SUNNY VIEW, WOOD DITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	REGINALD HEATH	7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT 110, KNOWLE STREET.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

FREDK. A. SALTER	1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ...	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire: T. Groombridge, sen.
* First handbell peal in method.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Feb. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT 21, THE CHINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

*MISS ANNIE BROWN ...	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
ALBERT M. TYLER	3-4	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ...	7-8

DONALD G. CLIFT 9-10
Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Feb. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT MEROK, 3, CARLTON TERRACE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. R. G. CROSS	1-2	R. GORDON CROSS	5-6
FREDERICK PAGE	3-4	*WM. H. HARGREAVES ...	7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First handbell peal, first of Plain Bob and first 'inside.'

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Diane Tyler has been elected vice-captain at St. Martin's, Salisbury.

The peal of Spliced Minor at Maulden was Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield's 75th peal.

Three peals of Cambridge Royal, at Leicester, Ossett and Birmingham, in the same week is unusual.

Mr. H. Upex has completed 25 years as towerkeeper and verger at Cuckney, Notts. A peal honoured the occasion.

With his 200th peal for the Yorkshire Association, Mr. J. H. Brothwell 'circled' Handsworth tower.

Bishop Holden, Archdeacon of Cornwall, has ordered his Rural Deans when visiting churches in their deaneries to ask: Is there a ring of bells and how often is it rung?

Group Capt. T. V. Lister, R.A.F. (ret.), presided at the meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, reported on page 109. He informs us that no new members were enrolled from Eldersfield.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, organiser of the Bournemouth Festival, is anxious for an early indication of support for this venture. Last year's programme was most enjoyable.

Miss Daphne Johnson, daughter of Mr. J. D. Johnson, is engaged to Mr. T. W. D. Martin, of Sale, Cheshire. The betrothal was announced by a peal of Treble Bob at Hinton-on-the-Green on February 21st.

Veteran leader of the St. Mary's, Lewisham, ringers, Mr. Harry Warnett celebrated his 85th birthday on March 13th and is still going strong. He hopes to call 'the Original' again before long.

Friends of Mr. Harry Wingrove, foreman of Beaconsfield tower, will regret to learn that he has had to enter Amersham Hospital for an operation, which took place on March 18th; he is making good progress. A speedy recovery!

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawton have 'circled' St. James', Sutton, Macclesfield, with a peal of Stedman Doubles. The peal was also of special interest to Mr. John Worth and Mr. W. Stevenson, as they have now a complete Stedman family of peals from Doubles to Cinques.

The scoring of a peal at Morriston, Glam, should serve as an incentive to the young members of St. John's tower. It is hoped, as interest is increased, to improve the bells and bell frame. Mr. L. Pelzer, who rang the fourth, has only one arm.

We record this week the first peal at Madron, which has the most westerly ringable bells in Cornwall, made six in 1898, just 50 years ago, in memory of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The peal was a farewell to Mr. G. W. Thomas, who is leaving for Herefordshire.

It is likely that the Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol at their annual meeting at Cirencester on Easter Monday will extend an invitation to the Central Council to meet at Cheltenham at an early date.

Two old Horsmonden (Kent) ringers had birthday honours accorded them by a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Brenchley on Feb. 21st. They were F. J. Lambert, sen., and J. Beach, both 81. The peal was also on the eve of the 64th wedding anniversary of Mr. F. Butcher.

LETTERS

ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE, LAMPETER

Dear Sir,—May I claim a litle of your much depleted space to place among the list of universities and colleges which have added campanology to their cultural activities the name of St. David's College, Lampeter?

When the writer arrived here in 1938 the lack of any kind of interest in bells led him to resolve to remedy this deficiency to the end that more clergy might have an interest in one of the important parts of Church activity—that of calling together the faithful to worship.

Before this object could be achieved, however, the course of events made it necessary for me to leave my studies temporarily. On my return to civilian life I was encouraged by the revival of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, which has since done much to advance the interests of ringing in these parts.

Having obtained a set of handbells, I returned in 1946 and, encouraged by the Rev. C. E. Cox, a member of the staff, commenced instruction in change ringing. As all were absolute beginners and I myself at the time not too proficient, progress was slow at first, but 120 Grandsire Doubles was attained by the end of the year.

At the commencement of the present academic year we were fortunate to count among those coming into residence Mr. W. F. Moreton, who, I am sure, needs no further introduction to readers of 'The Ringing World.' Henceforward progress was greatly accelerated until we now have a band of seven enthusiasts, three of whom figure in the accompanying report of 1,360 Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Moreton.

It may safely be said that ringing is now firmly established in the college, and is so much a feature of college activities that we hope to report a broadcast in which the ringers will participate in the near future.

Meanwhile we have not lost sight of our original object, and as soon as opportunity offers we intend to establish official connection with the Diocesan Guild and thus take our place in the wider fraternity of ringers, thereby helping to bring the clergy of the future into somewhat closer contact with that important body.—Yours faithfully,

ROY HALLETT.

St. David's College, Lampeter.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the comment in 'The Ringing World' of February 20th that Mr. C. K. Lewis' peal of Superlative is believed to be the first rung with the maximum number of pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course-ends, if Mr. Worth will refer to 'The Ringing World' for December 27th, 1935, he will see that a similar claim, which was not disputed, was made for a peal rung at Christ Church, Erith, on December 18th of that year. The composition, given below, was conducted by the composer, who was—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

5,056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

23456	B	M	W	H
56234		2	—	
63254		3	2	
52436		—	—	3
43526			—	—
53624		—		3
32546	x			
52643		—	3	
62345		—	3	
35426		—	—	2
23456			—	

NOTE.—Mr. E. A. Barnett also called peals of Superlative with 6 pairs reversed at Milton-next-Gravesend on September 7th, 1935, and Crayford on October 15th, 1938. A peal with 5 pairs reversed was rung at Crayford on June 17, 1938, conducted by Mr. P. A. Corby.—Ed.

Dedications

ST. MICHAEL'S, SOUTHAMPTON.

Recently, the eight bells of St. Michael's Church, Southampton, have been augmented to ten by the addition of two treble bells. Originally there were two rings of eight in the parish since the Church of Holy Rood also had bells, but this church was destroyed in an air raid in 1940. Much of the bell metal, however, was salvaged from the ruins, and it is this metal which was used for the two new trebles which were cast as a memorial to Holy Rood Church and suitably inscribed to this effect.

The Bishop of Winchester performed the dedication, and in his address complimented all concerned who had had the happy thought, not only to 'gather up the broken fragments that remained,' but more than that, to create something of value from them.

Loudspeaker equipment in the belfry and church enabled the large congregation to hear the dedication ceremony, and ringers in the church, at the end of the dedication touch, held their breaths when they distinctly heard the conductor say 'Stand' over the loudspeakers—but all did so! This touch was rung by the Sunday service band, among which are several beginners.

Afterwards the large number of ringers present spent the remainder of the evening trying out the bells, and all were agreed that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had made a very good 'splice.' Mr. Paul Taylor was present at the ceremony, representing the founders, and also various town officials, including the Mayoress.

In the afternoon of the dedication, the Vicar (the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead) recorded a short talk about the ceremony for the Western Region of the B.B.C. This was broadcast after the 6 p.m. news bulletin.

The weekly practice is attracting ringers from quite large distances—this being, at the moment, only the second ten-bell tower in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and already several courses of London Surprise Royal have been rung, as well as the usual nine and ten bell methods.

ST. MARY'S, BATHWICK.

The rededication of the reconditioned bells of St. Mary's, Bathwick, Bath, was before evensong on March 7th, the Rector (the Rev. W. Jennings) officiating. The service was relayed from the belfry to the congregation in the church, and was followed by a service touch of 419 changes of Grandsire Triples. Those taking part were A. E. Baverstock treble, G. J. Hawkins 2, J. Hallett 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, E. White 5, E. J. Fry 6, R. O. Fry (conductor) 7, K. Medway tenor.

More ringing took place after evensong, when several visitors tried out standard methods on the bells.

The restoration was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been rehung in self-aligning ball bearings and now go perfectly. They are a mixed ring, being cast by John Warner (1880 and 1897), T. Mears (1819) and J. Rudhall (1818). However, the retuning has improved the ring beyond recognition, and Bathwick possesses a mellow, sonorous octave with a tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat, undoubtedly one of the finest in the West Country. R.O.F.

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OBITUARY

MR. TOM GUEST.

Mr. Tom Guest, one of the first members of the Victoria, B.C., Guild, who rang at the dedication of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, in 1936, died on February 24th, aged 82. He had been an active ringer up to the end of 1946, when his health prevented him continuing.

Mr. Guest learned to ring at Leigh, Lancashire, where he rang for several years. He came to Canada approximately 40 years ago and was an official of the Canadian National Railways. His favourite bell in Christ Church Cathedral was No. 6. On Sunday, the 29th, the bells of Christ Church Cathedral were rung half-muffled as a tribute to his memory, and towards the end of a touch of half-muffled Grandsire on Sunday evening the muffle came off his favourite bell, which gave a very appropriate finale to the ringing, with one bell tolling out by itself.

MR. J. MOULE.

The passing of Mr. John Moule brings to an end the last of the original Leytonstone six-bell band, which was formed on June 20th, 1898. Mr. Moule was in his 81st year and had rung many peals of Surprise Minor and others on eight and ten bells.

He died recently at Offley (Herts), where he had resided since 1940 after being bombed from his home during the air raids of that time. G.D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESTON BRANCH LOSE TWO STALWARTS.

The February meeting, held at Chorley Parish Church, was very well attended, and a good variety of methods was rung. A pleasing feature was the presence of several young recruits.

The members stood in silence in memory of William Sharples, of Brindle, and Edward Banister, of Leyland, who died recently.

Mr. Banister was a reliable ringer in various methods until his health began to fail.

Mr. Sharples had been a most active member of the branch during his 40 years' membership, and had done much to foster the practice in higher methods. He had carried out the duties of Ringing Master of the branch for several years. His peals numbered 162, a considerable number of which he had conducted. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Perhaps the event which gave him most pleasure was the first peal in Lancashire of London Surprise Minor, rung by the local band at Brindle in 1931, in which he took part, and the success of which was largely due to his coaching.

He will be very much missed, as he was rarely absent from a meeting in his own district, and was always ready to assist any ringer present.

SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH DISTRICT.

Touches were rung at St. Mary Quay, St. Clement's and St. Lawrence's at a ringing meeting at Ipswich on March 6th.

The business meeting in St. Margaret's vestry decided to hold the next meeting at Tuddenham, with the possibility of Rushmere tower being included. Mr. Charles Sedgley, Master of the Guild, congratulated St. Margaret's company on ringing a peal of Double Norwich.

New members elected were Ringing, J. W. Crapnell and D. J. Crapnell (St. Margaret's) and D. Collins (St. Clement's); honorary members, Mr. C. F. Gould and Mr. G. H. Wilding.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: F. Bullock (first in method) 1, D. Cattell (first 'inside') 2, T. J. Clark 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, J. F. Rootes 5, J. R. Mayne 6, C. C. Mayne 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

Truro Diocesan Guild

The annual business meeting was held in Truro on February 28th, when members were present from all four branches and from the Mid-Cornwall Association.

The peal secretary reported that 12 peals had been rung for the Guild during the past year.

Miss E. Symons was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. Southeard; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Clark; peal secretary, Mr. Lanxon; secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella.

The Guild had sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. H. Dunstan, who had been treasurer since 1934. The Rev. C. K. Peeke was elected to succeed him.

The Dr. Symons memorial would take the form of a bell to be placed in Madron Tower, where the ring of six was being increased to eight. About £50 had been received so far.

It was reported that the Mid-Cornwall Association held a meeting on March 6th and decided to become a branch of the Guild.

Mr. Hicks, of Marhamchurch, wrote asking if it was allowable to hold ringing festivals on Sundays. The meeting thought that this would not be desirable, as it was members' business on Sundays to ring in their own towers. It was proposed to send four members to the Central Council in future instead of one, and the Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Miles and Mr. F. D. Teague were elected.

The members were entertained to tea by the Rev. C. K. Peeke, the Misses Peeke, Miss Penrose and other ladies, after which there was ringing at the Cathedral, consisting of rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

THE APPLETON FESTIVAL

Springlike conditions prevailing at the Appleton Festival on March 6th were compared with the deep snow a year previously. A company of 42 ringers kept the bells going to well-struck Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major throughout the afternoon and evening. It was a disappointment that the peal attempt for Grandsire Caters in the morning came to grief only two leads from the end.

Tea at the Thatched Tavern was followed by a high-class entertainment on handbells. Change ringing and tunes all came from the bells with ease, whilst the vocalists rendered the same old songs without which the Appleton Festival would not be complete.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Severe weather conditions for the Thorne meeting on February 21st induced one of the 30 ringers to bring with him an electric fire. It made conditions more amenable and he received the blessings of all except perhaps one unfortunate who stood a little too close.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. Weaver) conducted the service and presided over the business meeting, when four new members were elected and three belfry elections ratified. Mr. H. Ludkin, one time captain of Goole ringers, sent his good wishes for the Society's success.

Thanks to the local company were expressed by Mr. J. Taylor, who mentioned specially the ladies who prepared the enjoyable meal. Mr. J. Thorley, in reply, said that was the first independent meeting of the Society at Thorne and hoped there would be further visits.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Wisbech Branch at Watlington on February 21st, in spite of the wintry conditions, attracted 25 members and friends. The service in church was conducted by the Rector, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. The annual outing was discussed, and it was decided to try and arrange a visit to Leicester on June 2nd.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Wisbech on March 20th.

QUARTER PEALS

BLACKSTONE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. M. Wickens (cond.) 1-2, C. R. Longhurst 3-4, C. H. Wickens 5-6. First quarter Bob Doubles by all.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Nicholas' on Feb. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. Church 1, F. Bennett 2, A. Humphreys 3, G. Wiggins 4, F. Page 5, G. Ades 6, J. Whitehead 7, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 8, H. Stalham 9, A. Hobden 10. First of Stedman Caters by 1 and 4.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's on Feb. 29th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. E. Lyddiard 1, Miss Hilda Oakshett 2, E. C. Bishop (first of Major) 3, G. F. James 4, C. Cullen 5, S. J. Humphrey 6, P. J. Spice 7, M. F. Oakshett (first of Major as cond.) 8.

CLEWER, BERKS. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Butler (cond.) 1, R. Posnett 2, F. Steward 3, J. Brooks 4, K. Curtis 5, R. Purchase 6. First Stedman Doubles by 3 and 6. For gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. K. Curtis.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Major: S. Croft 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, E. W. Furbank 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Superlative Surprise: G. Coldman 1, A. H. Wincn 2, Mrs. Coldman 3, A. Smith 4, G. Marriner 5, C. Smart 6, G. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): H. Jones 1, G. Holland 2, H. Jones, sen. 3, E. Nickolls 4, W. Yates (first of Doubles as conductor) 5.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): B. Mabbutt (first quarter) 1, Miss V. E. Callis (first inside) 2, R. C. Noon 3, C. W. Partridge 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6.

MERE, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Paul 1, A. J. Gray 2, Miss F. Edgar 3, F. A. Coward 4, P. Sparkes 5, W. Keates 6, E. G. Coward (cond.) 7, C. Deveril 8.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tanner 1, A. T. Osborne 2, W. Warr 3, T. Osborne 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, E. Minchington 6. First by 1 and 6.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kingston 1, P. Underwood 2, R. W. Monk 3, D. Sleet 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, R. J. Andrews (cond.) 6.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor, being Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob: F. J. Cheal 1, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 2, T. A. Cross 3, E. Naylor 4, F. G. Southgate 5, W. A. J. Knight 6.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE. — On Feb. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Hughes 1, T. H. Mather 2, R. Hulse 3, C. Ward 4, A. Billington 5, W. Allman 6, Wm. E. Allman (first 'inside') 7, J. D. Maddock (first as conductor) 8.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Denton (first quarter) 1, Joan Yearsley 2, Helen Gardner 3, V. Benning 4, P. M. J. Gray (first as cond.) 5, P. R. Blackman 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,344 Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, F. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, G. Nicholls (first quarter Major) 5, H. W. Pratt 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

WALSALL.—At St. Matthew's on Feb. 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, A. Ellsmore (first quarter) 2, G. W. Hughes 3, H. T. Higgins 4, E. T. Smith 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, A. M. Pickering 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, W. A. Walker 10.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob): A.C.2 F. Jackson (first as cond.) 1, A.C.2 J. Blythe (first quarter) 2, A.C.2 E. Dench 3, A.C.2 R. Manton 4, A.C.2 A. Rogers (first quarter) 5.

NOTICES

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The First Session of the Twentieth Council (51st Annual Meeting) will be held at Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C. (by kind permission of the Master, the Rev. Canon Adam Fox, D.D.), on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1948, at 11 a.m.

All nominations for Officers — President, Honorary Librarian and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—signed by two members of the Council, together with all notices of Motions, signed as above, must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting.

Subscriptions became due on January 1st.

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MEETINGS

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & L.D.G.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner on Saturday, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3169

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, March 20th, at 3 p.m. Ringing at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, 4.45 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3178

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Penistone (8), Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 3171

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD—Meeting, Burwash (6), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Tea available.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 3213

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hughenden, Saturday, March 20th, 4 p.m. No tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3178

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Snaith (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring food, tea provided.—T. H. Foster. 3183

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5, cafe nearby. Meeting at 6.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 3191

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — Practice meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bexhill (8), March 27th, 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 24th to Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. —F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 3204

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Open Ringing Day at Saddleworth Church (8) on Easter Saturday, March 27th. Old and new ringing friends welcome. Names for tea to Mr. J. Carter, Lea Cross House, Diggle, Saddleworth, by Wednesday, March 24th.—I. Kay. 3214

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Rededication, Bletchingley bells (8), March 27th. Service 3. Ringing 3.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 23rd, to J. Knight, 19, White Cots, Oxted. 3201

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells—Cathedral (12), All Saints' (10), Clames (10) and Hallow (8)—times later. Own arrangements for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3185

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting at Norwich, Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells, Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles', 10 to 11.45 and 2.15 onwards; also St. John de Sepulchre 2.15 onwards. Service, Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. W. G. Bridge. Lunch, Samson and Hercules House, 1 p.m., 4s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Names for lunch to me by March 20th.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 3079

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Newport, Easter Monday. Bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at 4 Tea and business to follow. St. Woolos' bells available all day to 3.30 and after the meeting.—F. J. Hannington. 3168

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wells, Easter Monday Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. The Right Reverend the Bishop will preach. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Wickenden's Restaurant. Names essential, 1 p.m. Committee meeting, Priest Row, 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Bells—St. Cuthbert's 10.45 to 11.40, 2 to 3 and in the evening except from 6.30 to 7; Cathedral, after lunch till 2.45 and during the evening from 4.45. The following towers will be open on notice being given: Dinder, Croscombe, Glastonbury (both towers), Chewton Mendip.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 3172

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meeting at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Six towers available from 9.30 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch, Nightingale's, 12.45, followed by business meeting. Application for lunch by March 27th (limit 70) to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3189

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, March 29th, Ashover (8). Bells available 2 p.m. Executive 3 p.m. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. P. F. Pleming. Tea 5 p.m., Red Lion Hotel. No names, no tea. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) not later than Tuesday, March 23rd, to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross. 3193

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Easter Monday. Service 4. Business and tea, Fortes Cafe. Names to Mr. P. Davis, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, before March 22nd. Ringing from 3 to 8.—J. Arbury. 3162

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday. Bells, Great St. Andrew's, 11 to 3.15 and after tea; St. Benet's, 11 to 3.15 and after 7; Great St. Mary's, 1.30 to 3.30 and after tea; R.C., 11 to 12.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service, Great St. Mary's, 3.30, followed by tea at Dorothy Cafe and business meeting. Cups of tea will be provided at St. Andrew's between 12.30 and 1.30 for those bringing luncheon sandwiches.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec 3199

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — A meeting, Walton-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's bells, Oatlands Park, will be open at 7 p.m. Notice for tea by March 22nd. —R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 3203

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. St. Paul's 10 bells will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. St. Peter's 6 bells will be available from 9.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch will be held in the St. Paul's Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names, please, for lunch as early as possible to Mr. S. Foskett, 38, Miller Street, Bedford. 3200

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Dartford, on Easter Monday. Arrangements as previously advertised. Applications for luncheon tickets by March 23rd latest. Those requiring afternoon tea (1s. 3d.) please notify by same date if possible. Central Council nominations by March 26th.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 3208

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Wisbech (10), Saturday, April 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Means, Melbourne, 56, Queens Road, Wisbech, not later than April 1st.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3209

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, April 3rd. Tea 1s. 9d.; apply Frank Rhodes, Overdale, Kebroyd Lane, Triangle, Halifax, before April 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3210

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting, Hursley, Saturday, April 3rd. Wedding 2.30 p.m. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at the King's Head. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, c/o Mrs. Hayes, 39, St. Bernard's Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, by Monday, March 29th. 3190

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), April 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify. Train from Banbury 3.15. Return 7 p.m.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna(8), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before Tuesday, March 30th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 3207

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth (6), April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea for certain by March 30th.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 3206

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 3rd. Cathedral and St. Alkmund's, 2.30 till tea. Committee 4 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Tea 5 p.m., St. Peter's, followed by meeting. Cathedral and St. Peter's available after tea. Names to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, not later than Thursday, 1st. 3192

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Aston Parish Church, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at the Holte Hotel at 5.15 for those only who notify Mr. W. L. Whiston, 174, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23, not later than April 1st. Cost of tea 2s. per head. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Albans. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Christ Church Parish Room, Church Crescent, 5.15 p.m. Numbers by March 27th at latest. Ringing: Cathedral, 2 p.m. to service and in evening; St. Peter's, 2 to 3.30 and in evening; six-bell towers, 2 to 3.30 (St. Stephen's only) and after the meeting. Hatfield bells (10) available in the morning. Notice has been given that the rules will be revised at this meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. 3212

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CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS

BY J. W. CLARKE, MASTER OF THE CHESTER GUILD.

In 1540 the Abbey of St. Werburgh became the Cathedral Church of Chester. Records show that there were then installed six bells, not, however, in true musical sequence. This peal was later reduced to five in rather interesting circumstances, as revealed by the following extract concerning the third :—

' first there was a great bell in the Cathedral Church of Christe in Chester which hanged in the new steeple there, which bell was taken doune and solde by the Dean and Chapter of the same Cathedral Church the 4th. May 4 Ed. VI, for the somme of xxxiiii li and the said somme is alleged by them to be paid unto the Ministers of the said Church for their stypend.' This bell still exists at the Parish Church of Conway, N. Wales. This practice was not unique.

The five remaining bells at the Cathedral were recast in 1605 and again in 1606. This second recast was probably due to the higher standard of musical sequence and mechanical efficiency demanded by the forerunners of change ringing. The fine rings unique to this country are due to change ringing, an aspect of it which balances the criticism of its responsibility for bells of antiquarian interest being recast.

The year 1626 provided a separate sanctus bell, still in regular use as a service bell. Its clapper is of the type then common with a wooden contrivance fixing it to the crown staple, as a means of combating clapper roll.

The following extracts of Cathedral records of 1738 give a most interesting picture of proceedings then :—

April 29.—For taking down and weighing the old Great Bell, Cartage to the Crane (Wharf), and of the weights. Boatage of it from the Crane and letters about it.....15 0

Nov. 4.—To Mr. Knight in part for casting the new great Bell...£20

Dec. 1.—To the freight of the new Great Bell from London to Parkgate £4

To the river freight from Parkgate to Chester.....£1
To craning it a'shoar.....10 0

To the men that helped to get it a'shoar.....6d.

Dec. 4.—To the workmen and ringers the day the Great Bell was putt up.....5 0

Dec. 7.—To two men for watching the Great Bell all night after she was a'shoar.....1 0

Jan. 20.—To ringing for the Prince of Wales Birthday.....5 0

Jan. 22.—To Jn. Davies for Hog's Lard for the Great Bell.....6d.
(It was presumably ' dry ' after such ringing!)

This tenor was recast in 1867, local repair having resulted in 36lb. of metal being knocked from the sound bow. The full octave was completed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, at the same time, and a chiming barrel installed, which is still in use, capable of ringing a plain course of ' Bob Triples.'

About this time the Curfew started in Chester, being rung on the tenor, the date being sounded on the present 7th and the month on the sanctus bell. The wear resulting from the tenor being rung up for this purpose led to its being rehung in roller bearings, with the whole peal, by Mears and Stainbank, in 1927. The year 1937, in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Chester Guild, saw the octave increased by the same firm to the present ten, consisting of bells dating from 1606 to 1937.

St. Oswald's Church formerly occupied the site of the present south transept to the Cathedral, and its parishioners therefore claimed this at one time as their Parish Church. Local patriotism extended for a period to the building of a brick screen across the neck of the transept, and the provision of a ' ring ' of two bells in a campanile in the upper interior of a buttress of the main fabric!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	THOMAS BEVAN	7
MRS. E. E. DAVIS	2	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	HAROLD A. MAY	9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	GEORGE W. STEERE	10
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES	5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	11
FRANK B. LUFKIN	6	*D. ALFRED KIRKBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Cinques as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*HILDA M. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*ERIC T. LEE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	†T. MARK WHITE	8
†RONALD I. SHEPHERD	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	9
GEORGE C. GOODMAN	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal on ten. † First peal of Royal. The conductor's 1,400th peal. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

DERBY.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6
ALAN CATTELL	2	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	8
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	ERNEST MORRIS	9
*CHARLES MARSHALL	5	JOHN THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First of Surprise Royal on the bells. Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr. 23 lb.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*DONALD R. MARSHALL	*Treble*	‡W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
ERNEST H. RAYNOR	2	GORDON BENFIELD	7
PETER WOODWARD	3	HAROLD WALKER	8
†ARNOLD COLE	4	FREDK. SEAGAR	9
RONALD H. DOVE	5	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal and 50th peal. The first peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Treble*	LESLIE A. TREMEER	5
E. JOAN SALMONS	2	ERNEST F. SALMONS	6
A. YORK-BRAMBLE	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Stedman.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROY GARTH	*Treble*	JOHN E. TURLEY	5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
FREDERICK CARDWELL	3	JACK G. BROTHWELL	7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
First peal in the method by all except conductor. First in method as conductor. 100th peal on the bells

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Consisting of 1,024 London, 1,408 Bristol, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative with 107 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	ERIC B. HARTLEY	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	*DENIS A. BAYLES	6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHAS. H. MOORE	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
*CLIFFORD BIRD	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
†F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM JUDGE	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	*H. PETER RAYNOR	6
JAMES HIGGINS	3	*PETER C. WRIGHT	7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	PHILIP A. CORBY	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
*FREDK. A. COLEY	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	FREDK. J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 15 cwt.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

ELLIS D. SILLS	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. CLUETT	5
FREDERICK RICHARDSON	2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	6
CYRIL J. GOULD	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
RONALD E. NORRIS	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD & KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Worcester Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	*ARTHUR HOARE	5
*ROBERT E. COLES	2	†GWYN I. LEWIS	6
*ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	*TREVOR M. RODERICK	7
*ALFRED W. HEATH	4	ALBERT J. PITMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.
* First peal in these two methods. † First peal of Major. In honour of the appointment of Canon Lawrence Thomas as Archdeacon of Margam.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*LT. J. D. RICHARD, R.N.	*Treble*	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	KENNETH L. BROWN	6
JACK KING	3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	7
HERBERT J. ELDRED	4	FREDK. A. FINCH	*Tenor*

Composed by J R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.
*** First peal of Major.**

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL DF KENT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JACK DAFTERS	...*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	3	FREDK. J. CULLUM	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN LUNHAM ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HORRIDGE ...	5
RONALD KENRICK ...	2	*THOMAS MARSHALL ...	6
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	3	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT ...	7
THOMAS HESKETH ...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

*MISS PATRICIA JAMES ...	...*Treble*	*HAROLD STANFORTH ...	5
HARRY ROE	2	WILLIAM AMBLER ...	6
HARRY WARD	3	*ERIC WHARTON	7
WILFRED WHITTAKER ...	4	*MAURICE HILARY ...	...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS	...*Treble*	†JOHN R. GRAVES ...	5
MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	2	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	6
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ...	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	7
*J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW	4	JOHN GILSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JEAN M. BROOMFIELD ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. EASTWELL...	5
MARY PEMBERTON	2	*WILLIAM BUTLER	6
JOHN B. FORD	3	DAVID PEARCE	7
JOYCE HEARN	4	RICHARD E. PRICE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. All the band are 18 years or under in age.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALBERT L. CADWELL ...	...*Treble*	VICTOR S. ADAMS ...	5
JOHN HIGGINS	2	REGINALD A. HALL ...	6
REGINALD G. ABRAHAM	3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	7
†REGINALD H. HOWSON	4	*CECIL SHARP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal on the eight bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE...	...*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
DANIEL G. COOMBES ...	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	REGINALD H. JARVIS ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	*FRANK E. PERRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.
* First peal of Stedman First peal in the method as conductor.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN G. COLLETT ...	...*Treble*	PHILIP WALKER	5
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ...	2	H. PETER RAYNOR	6
*THOMAS J. H. PRINCE...	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON ...	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4	GILBERT H. WRIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Triples. The first peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*ARTHUR J. MILWARD ...	...*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
ALAN CATTELL	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
CHARLES MARSHALL ...	3	‡ALFRED BALLARD	7
†GEORGE A. HOLLICK	4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First 'Treble Bob' peal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. G. BEDDON ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	5
JOHN F. BUTLER	2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	6
A. EDWARD REEVES ...	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
*CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	4	HARRY VICKERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MILTON C. FOWLER ...	...*Treble*	†ARTHUR FIRTH	5
*MISS BETTY LONGSTAFF	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER...	3	*THOMAS W. DOBSON ...	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS GWEN D. MURKITT	*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
FRANK V. SINKINS (83)	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
ARTHUR H. CROSS	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13)	4	WILLIAM BRANTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. E. S. POWELL	...*Treble*	FRANK E. HANSFORD ...	5
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	4	HENRY G. KEELEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK	...*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	2	HAROLD BURTON	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC E. SPEAKE ...	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
HOWARD HOWELL	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	4	THOMAS H. JUSTICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

MRS. E. F. SALMONS	...*Treble*	TOM PAGE	5
ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	6
JOHN H. HUNT	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of London.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. BULL	5
FLORRIE WYMAN	2	WALTER CLAYDON	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING ...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM SALT ...	...*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
*LESLIE RIVERS	3	JOHN THOMPSON	7
CHARLES MARSHALL ...	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD...	5
*JOSEPH MERRITT	2	A. LESLIE PEARSON ...	6
†FREDK. W. BISHOP ...	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	7
STANLEY E. COOK ...	4	JOHN H. HUNT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN JAGGAR (C.C.C. No. 157).
Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD, FAR HEADINGLEY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

*HENRY R. PARKINSON...	...*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	5
FREDK. SEAGER	2	GEORGE ROBINSON ...	6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ...	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise. A welcome to the Rev. J. Wylie, M.A., as Vicar of St. Chad's.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. On the 'Stelfox' Eight.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	...*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	5
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ...	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
*DOROTHY UDAL	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*HARRY P. FLOYD ...	...*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	5
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	2	†H. PETER RAYNOR ...	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	†C. JOHN DICKINSON ...	7
†PETER C. WRIGHT ...	4	ALAN R. PINK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERIC E. SPEAKE ...	...*Treble*	J. DENIS HOLDEN	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	7
CYRIL TABENER	4	ALAN F. THIRST ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by ALAN F. THIRST.
The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Society and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*RONALD C. SHERMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
*MYRA J. TILLER	2	COLIN W. REED	6
†BRIAN R. TILLER ...	3	‡JOHN V. DAVIS	7
RONALD MARLOW ...	4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Kent.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:

*FRANK TARLTON ...	...*Treble*	FRED SHAW	5
†DOROTHY TEMPLEMAN ...	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	6
DAVID H. ANSTEY ...	3	WILLIAM E. COURT ...	7
CECIL J. BAKER	4	ED. F. GOBEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID H. ANSTEY.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First of Major as conductor. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES T. PAYNE	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. HALSEY	4
ALBERT B. HALSEY ...	2	ERNEST HUNT	5
SAM FARMER	3	FRANCIS KIRK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.
* First peal.

BAMPTON, DEVONSHIRE
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ARTHUR C. BANBURY	...*Treble*	*JOHN F. A. WAITE ...	4
ERNEST H. OXENHAM ...	2	HARRY PURCHASE	5
VICTOR N. BURROW ...	3	*JOHN BROOM ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.
* First peal. Believed to be first peal on the bells. A farewell to the ringer of the second on his leaving for London.

DINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER ANGER ...	...*Treble*	†JACK MUSSELL	4
LESLIE A. PAGE	2	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	5
*COLIN W. REED	3	RONALD MARLOW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on bells

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, three 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ...*Treble*	HARRY PARKER 4
DAVID SMITH 2	REGINALD W. WORRALL... 5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS E. JANET HOLMAN *Treble*	†EDWARD J. WELLS ... 4
†MISS D. M. JENNER ... 2	†DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE 5
‡ALFRED C. GAMBRILL ... 3	WILFRED C. E. GOLDUP *Tenor*

Conducted by DR. JAMES D. OGILVIE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal 'inside. A farewell to the ringer of the treble.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK 4
HENRY H. FEARN 2	JOHN PINFOLD 5
JAMES F. HARVEY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*SIDNEY KING ... ...*Treble*	*EDNA M. SILLS 4
*ANTHONY V. KEMP ... 2	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 5
†WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor and in the method as conductor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES L. LAKER ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAZZELL ... 4
ROGER BEALE 2	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... 5
LESLIE W. PENFOLD ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MRS. A. WRIGLEY ...*Treble*	WALTER STARR 4
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	S. SEALY WOODBURN ... 5
*ALLAN WRIGLEY 3	FREDERICK GOODING ... *Tenor*

Conducted by S. SEALY WOODBURN.

* First peal. To celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the tenor.

GRINTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*PAT ALLEN ... ...*Treble*	‡ROGER SPENCER 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAM... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 5
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL *Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... 4
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP *Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method. Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Pudsey Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Feb. 28th, was Mr. T. J. Lock's 50th peal on the bells. He has now 'circled' the tower for the sixth time, an achievement that has taken 20 years and 2 months to complete.

Mr. A. H. Pulling passed another century mark in his peal record at Kingston-on-Thames on February 28th. His fourteenth!

The peal at Aberavon, Glam., on February 28th, was the 70th together of Mr. Ernest Stitch and Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

There is a break of 18 years between the peal on March 6th and the previous one at the Minster Church at Reading.

Mr. William A. Stote has called a peal from every bell at Keresley, Warwickshire. Mr. Harold Folwell has also 'circled' this tower.

The peal at Davenham, Cheshire, was a birthday honour to the conductor, Mr. H. W. Howard, and to the relatives of two other ringers.

In honour of the millenary year of St. Michael's Church, St. Albans, a peal was rung on February 21st, the first by a regular Sunday service band.

Our leading article this week is taken from a paper read by Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Guild, to the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarians' Society.

Mr. Charles H. Wickens heard his daughter call a happy birthday to him with a peal of Doubles at Twineham on March 6th. It was his 50th and Mr. G. Packham's, senior's 71st.

Acknowledgment of the assistance given by Kenneth L. Brown and Jack King, of the College of SS. Mark and John, Chelsea, to the Acton-Ealing band during the past year was their birthday peal at Acton on February 28th. The peal was also a compliment to Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey on giving up the secretaryship of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association.

Members of the Central Council visiting London next Whitsun, who would like to take part in a peal on either Saturday, May 15th, or Monday, May 17th, are advised to write, stating the methods they are capable of ringing, as soon as possible to E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5, who will endeavour to arrange as many peals as are required.

A new edition of 'Grandsire' in the Snowdon series is expected in May or June.

The peal at Skipton, Yorks, on February 28th, was a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Metcalfe.

Writes a Hinckley correspondent: Mr. Ernest Morris is now 'filling in the calendar.' A batch of two hand and three tower bell peals was included.

A leap year child was Mr. G. Illman, the old Sussex ringer. His 21st birthday on Feb. 29th brought his age to 88 and was honoured by peals at Rusper and Worth.

The Central Council publication, 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' is again available, price 4d., from the Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

We regret a typographical error was made in our editorial last week. It was Mr. Ernest Pye who handled the tenor in the badly-oscillating Stradbroke tower.

Burnham, Bucks, can be justly proud of Saturday, February 28th, when six of their 'teen age girls were ringing in three different successful peals in three different counties, one in Bob Royal at Kingston (Surrey), three in the under 19's peal at Feltham (Middlesex), and two in a peal at Wyrardisbury (Bucks). In this last peal Mr. Frank Sinkins (aged 83) took part with Mary Jaycock (age 13), almost the two extremes.

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NEW HANDBELL RECORD

13,664 OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

As briefly announced in our columns, the record length for Major in hand has been lowered by a peal of 13,664 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Bushey on February 29th in 6 hours and 4 minutes by four prominent members of the Exercise. Details of the peal are recorded in this issue.

The peal was first discussed during the war and the idea revised about 18 months ago, but February 29th was the first occasion the four had met for the purpose. Everyone who participated was very pleased with the peal.

The composition was by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, and it is singular that the two previous records of Major in hand were composed by him.

In the past Major records on handbells have been achieved by young bands of ringers. The previous one was 13,440 Bob Major, rung at Pudsey, Yorkshire, on June 5th, 1911, in seven hours and seven minutes, for the Yorkshire Association by W. F. Thorpe (16 years 6 months) 1-2, F. W. Jones (20 years 3 months) 3-4, Ernest Mann (19 years) 5-6. Ernest Hoyle (19 years 9 months) 7-8. Ernest Mann was the conductor.

Previous to that the record was 11,200 Bob Major at Norwich on April 26th, 1894, in which the ringers were J. A. Trollope (aged 18) 1-2, G. P. Burton (18½) 3-4, J. E. Burton (17½) 5-6, C. E. Borrett (19) 7-8. J. A. Trollope conducted.

As to Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the longest length in hand was 5,248 changes rung by the Cambridge University Guild at Surfleet, Lincs, on September 9th, 1924.

The Midland Counties Association hold the record on tower bells with 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Wigston, Leics., on December 27th, 1904, in 10 hours 35 minutes. The ringers were Josiah Morris treble, Thomas H. Taffender 2, Charles H. Fowler 3, Thomas R. Hensher 4, James Houghton, jun. 5, William H. Inglesant 6, Arthur R. Aldham 7, William Willson (composer and conductor) tenor. This surpassed the 17,024 rung at Kidlington, Oxon, on May 22nd, 1899, in 11 hours 12 minutes.

PEN PICTURES.

The following intimate pen pictures of the participants in the new record length have been supplied to the Editor at his request:—

EDWIN A. BARNETT (1-2) Age 29. Peals rung 549 (134 on handbells); conducted 109 (24 on handbells). The third generation of a ringing family, his first peal was in 1929 at the age of 11, since when he has added a variety of methods. Reaching his 100th peal at the age of 15½, he was the youngest to accomplish this. One hundred and sixty of his peals have been with his father; 172 on the bells of St. Paulinus', Crayford, including peals by the youngest bands to ring Bob Major and Spliced Surprise, and 51 at St. John's, Erith.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY (3-4). Age 40. Peals rung 502 (285); conducted 151 (112). The look of weariness and boredom on his face when he rings the most difficult methods on handbells has to be seen to be believed. But he has the gift which so few conductors possess of inspiring complete confidence by his ability to 'anticipate' trips, and there are many ringers who have him to thank for their handbell peals in other than 'bread and butter' methods.

Since ringing his first peal in 1919 at the age of 12, he has taken part in many notable handbell performances, including Spliced Surprise in up to six methods, as well as nearly 50 peals of Double Norwich. On tower bells he participated in many of the new Surprise methods rung in the Bushey area before the recent war, and was also one of the band who set up the present Stedman Cinques record—12,663 changes at Oxford in 1946. Since the war he has also taken part in the first peals of Yorkshire, Felstead and Jersey Surprise on handbells — the two latter the first ever in those methods.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE (5-6). Age 44. Peals rung 324 (94); conducted 233 (57). The writer has been told that a well-known ringer, when Harold Cashmore was learning to ring, advised him to give up on the grounds that he would never make good! However, his first peal was Superlative in 1921 at the age of 17, and his first handbell peal was in the same method in 1927. His peals include a record number of Surprise Major methods—over 50, in all of which he has conducted at least one peal—as well as nearly 50 peals of Surprise Major on handbells, most of which he has conducted from 5-6, including Spliced Surprise in up to six methods. His many brilliant performances have aroused the greatest admiration, and he and Ernest Turner, on their record as composers, ringers and conductors, may fairly claim to be in the forefront of ringers of the present day.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER (7-8). Age 38. Peals rung 420 (138); conducted 196 (77). This was his first handbell peal for over two years, but it goes without saying that he was completely at ease throughout. His first peal was in 1927 at the age of 17, since when he has successfully accomplished many of the difficult tasks ringing has to offer, such as calling Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples from an 'inside' pair. Most outstanding, perhaps, has been his record as a conductor of Spliced Surprise. He is the only ringer besides Harold Cashmore to have called a peal of spliced on handbells, and on tower bells he was at 23 the youngest ringer to accomplish this. Since then he has called peals in up to nine methods, mostly from a non-observation bell, and in many cases his own compositions, as was the peal in four methods at Crayford referred to above. Like Chris Woolley, he is a good chess player, at which game the other two members of the band 'also ran.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Thirty members attended the annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch at Acle on March 6th, the service being conducted by the president of the Association (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), with the Rector of Acle as organist. Tea followed in the Church Room.

The president took the chair for the business meeting. Mr. G. W. Fletcher was unanimously elected chairman and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood re-elected branch secretary. Messrs. G. Bussey, P. Newstead, E. Goate, G. Walpole and A. King were appointed the branch committee. Mr. G. G. Walpole and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, were elected representatives of the branch on the Association's Standing Committee.

New members admitted were G. H. Moore (Hethersett), Margaret Dingle, Betty Eccleston, Violet Pitchers (Acle), G. A. Kindred and W. Garnham (Pakefield). The next meeting is to be held at a five-bell tower, Reedham, on June 12th. Mentioned in the vote of thanks were the Rector, those who helped with the tea and Mr. H. Lidbetter.

WESTERN BRANCH.

Either the weather, or the petrol restrictions, or more probably both, were reflected in the attendance at the Western Branch meeting at Fakenham. Only about half the average for the previous year were present.

Small meetings, however, have their compensations. After all one can take a rope to try a new method more often and with less diffidence than is the case when plenty of better men are waiting. Consequently several of the less advanced ringers were given the chance to do so.

Durham & Newcastle Assn.

COMMEMORATION MEETING.

There was a large gathering of ringers present at Sunderland for the J. W. Parker Commemoration Meeting, held on March 13th. The bells of St. Ignatius', St. Michael's and Holy Trinity were all available and good use was made of them.

A service was held at St. Ignatius', the church where the late J. W. Parker gave his services so freely in many ways, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Marshall. Mr. Frank Ainsley, hon. treasurer, was the organist.

At the meeting held after tea, with Mr. W. N. Park, president, in the chair, Mr. R. L. Patterson spoke of the late Mr. Parker, saying that he was a great churchman, ringer and friend, and a person to whom they could all look up to. Mr. John Anderson, of Newcastle Cathedral, thanked the various incumbents for the use of their bells. He said there was a possibility that the bells of Holy Trinity would be repaired in the future, and he was looking forward to the time when regular service ringing was resumed at that church.

The Rev. G. H. Marshall replied, and said that he was pleased to welcome the ringers to St. Ignatius', and was especially pleased to have a congregation in church for service, the majority of whom were men. Mr. K. Arthur thanked the wives and friends of the ringers of St. Ignatius' for waiting at tea, which was acknowledged by Mrs. F. Ainsley.

Mr. W. N. Park welcomed two visitors, Mr. Speed, of Eastbourne, and Mr. Worrall, of Cardiff, who are stationed at Catterick. He also welcomed lady ringers from St. Andrew's, Roker, who have been trained and will be ready to man the ropes as soon as the new bells are installed.

The president also made reference to the passing on of Mr. Oswald Simm, of Cramlington. His death took place on March 6th at the age of 79 years. He had been a member of the Association since 1896. The members stood in silence to his memory.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

At a quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Bishop's Cleeve on March 13th, Mr. Boardman, treasurer of the Church Council, stated that about half of the £350 required for two new trebles had been given or promised. Ringers present voted support for this project and promised assistance to the local band when they get them.

The branch secretary was instructed to take such action as necessary to get an invitation from the Association to the Central Council to hold a meeting in Cheltenham in the near future.

Twenty-eight members representing twelve towers were present. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and after discussion as to whether Double Bob was the same as a bob each way, a course was successfully brought round. C.R.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Eldersfield on March 13th. At the short business meeting 14 performing members, including the Vicar, were elected members of the branch.

Eldersfield has an excellent ring of six with a 21 cwt. tenor. The tower has been without a band for some years and the election is a striking example of what can be done when the incumbent takes an active personal interest in his ringers and ringing. Whilst one or two of the ringers are old hands, the majority are of the rising generation, so it is reasonable to hope that the Eldersfield bells will not go silent again.

STAGSDEN, BEDS. — On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob: W. Izzard 1, A. Ford 2, A. Waller 3, C. Izzard 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5, G. Freeman 6.

Chester Diocesan Guild

WIRRAL BRANCH.

A memorial tablet of oak with incised letters to the late Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, tower-keeper at Oxton for over 50 years and branch secretary for 31 years, was dedicated at the annual meeting of the branch at St. Saviour's, Octon, on February 28th. The tablet is in the ringing chamber and was subscribed for by the congregation and Wirral ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. N. J. Blow) conducted the service in the presence of 80 ringers, friends and relatives.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) presided, supported by the Guild secretary (the Rev. J. D. Pearson). The accounts, which showed a credit balance of £53 17s. 10d., were passed.

The hon. secretary's report revealed a lively interest in branch affairs. Membership had increased from 111 to 123, and the average attendance at the 12 branch meetings was 42 (highest 83 at the June meeting). The social at Wallasey was attended by 220 ringers and friends, and it was hoped that this would be an annual function.

Peals were few, but several were worth mentioning. Resident members scored first peals of London and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The Sunday service band at Bebington rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The officers were re-elected, although there were changes in the nominations for Guild Committee.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

A perfect, sunny day, a beautiful ancient Priory Church with good toned bells made the quarterly meeting at Loders on March 6th most enjoyable. The Rector (the Rev. O. L. Willmott), who is a ringer, conducted the Guild Office, and full justice was done to a lavish tea by the 45 ringers present.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting. The statement of accounts, presented by Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary), showed a balance in hand of £19. The Rev. O. L. Willmott and Mr. A. J. Wells (Loders) were elected members, and the next meeting was arranged for Beaminster on June 5th.

The suggestion of the Guild's General Committee that one member from each branch should be nominated as a candidate for election to the Central Council at the annual meeting of the Guild was unanimously approved, and the branch agreed to submit the name of Mr. George Stedman Morris as its nominee.

Mention was made of the death of Mr. Frank Bugler, a long-standing member at Beaminster, and the members present stood in silence.

Very warm thanks were accorded the Rector for his welcome and ministrations to the branch, the local ringers for their splendid hospitality and the organist, Mr. B. Elsworth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DIVISION.

A change of officers took place at the annual meeting of the Eastern Division at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 28th, attended by 44 members, including Mr. F. I. Hairs, Master of the Association.

Mr. J. A. Downing (secretary) and Mr. W. Rogers (Master) did not seek re-election, and Mr. F. H. Hicks and Mr. A. F. Lewry were elected respectively to the vacant posts.

At the service which followed the Vicar stressed the importance of ringing in relation to the church, which was warmly appreciated by the ringers.

The belfry was again visited, ringing ranging from rounds to Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich. A gratifying sight was the younger members partaking in rounds, Bob Minor and Major, Little Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Feb. 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: F. G. Barron 1, J. W. Meade 2, L. P. Cook 3, E. Brown 4, H. A. Nobes 5, F. W. Burnett 6, W. A. Theobald (composer-conductor) 7, J. H. Hunt 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 4.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On March 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Townsend 1, E. C. Ayres 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, W. Edwards 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 29th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor, rung on the middle six with treble in front and tenor covering: Alison Haseler 1, G. Fordham 2, O. Santer (cond.) 3, Lucy Moor 4, Ruth Leney 5, L. Pope 6, G. Waters 7, R. Johnstone 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8, and first in the method for 5.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, I. Gardener (first quarter) 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's on March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. F. M. Samson 1, F. Price 2, F. Jacobs 3, Mrs. John Coutts (first quarter) 4, C. Forfitt 5, E. Waters 6, A. V. Davis 7, J. Coles 8.

CANTERBURY. — At the Cathedral on March 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, J. W. Unwin 3, C. E. Buesden 4, R. G. French 5, T. Holmes 6, H. R. French 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

CHURCH STRATTON, WILTS.—On March 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. J. Gardiner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, J. Berry 3, W. Trueman 4, H. Bishop 5, I. Trueman 6, W. W. Daniell 7, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 2, 6 and 7.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On March 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss B. Thrush (first in method) 1, P. J. Woodgyer (first 'inside') 2, J King 3, E. T. Chapman 4, R. J. Carlton 5, K. L. Brown (cond.) 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. L. J. Brown 1, R. B. Blond 2, J. Gordon (first quarter as cond.) 3, H. K. White 4, E. R. Robey 5, G. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb 7, D. Napper (first quarter) 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, Miss M. Williams 3, S. J. Nicholls 4, J. Roberts 5, R. S. Beckett 6, J. R. Towers 7, E. Hawkins 8. First quarter of Grandsire by all except conductor.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Badman (first quarter, age 13) 1, R. G. Field 2, F. Reakes 3, Miss B. Look 4, W. Higdon 5, J. Lintern 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, F. Field 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: A. Ward 1, C. Glenn (cond.) 2, E. Nidd 3, A. Mackears 4, G. W. Creasey 5, J. Cragg 6, B. C. Blakey 7, R. Wood 8, T. Hall 9, B. H. Dalton 10. First quarter on ten by 1 and 10.

GLOUCESTER.—On Feb. 28th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Romans 1, T. Newman (cond.) 2, G. Case 3, W. Sidwell 4, H. Daniels 5, W. Cox 6, H. Newman 7, L. Barry 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, W. J. Barrat 4, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, B. Bover (first of Triples) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On March 7th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. G. Hollingworth 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, S. Croft 4, E. W. Furbank 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On March 6th at All Saints', 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Wilkins 1, Miss Doreen Coker 2, F. Hayes (cond.) 3, Miss Sylvia Coker 4, Miss M. I. Goodship 5, E. Markham 6, R. Coles 7, W. Avery 8, G. R. Goodship 9, P. Squires 10. First quarter in the method on ten by the three ladies. First quarter on ten bells by 8 and 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At the Church of St. John, on March 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, W. N. Genna 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, F. Blondell 5, A. A. Diaper (first of Stedman Caters) 6, P. Jones 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 9, H. W. Impey 10.

HUNTINGDON. — On Feb. 29th, at St. Mary's, quarter-peal Plain Bob: H. B. Bull 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. H. Dunnington 4, H. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert 6, S. Gavette 7, C. Young 8.

IFFLEY, OXON. — On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Rodwell (first quarter) 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, Miss N. Honey 3, L. W. H. Busby (first 'inside') 4, W. Fern (first 'inside') 5, J. Adams 6.

ILKESTON, DERBYS. — At St. Mary's, on March 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Baker 1, Dorothy Templeman 2, E. C. Gobey 3, E. Fletcher 4, E. F. Gobey 5, F. Shaw 6, D. H. Anstey (first as cond.) 7, F. Tarlton 8. First in method for 2 and 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Gilman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 29th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor covering): H. Brooks 1, Miss E. D. Farrell (first quarter) 2, Miss S. E. Harris 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, E. Dodds 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, D. J. Charnley 7, A. Tomblin 8. First in method 3, 5 and 7.

LAMPETER, CARDS.—On March 7th, at St. David's College, on handbells, 1,360 Bob Major: Rev. C. E. Cox 1-2, K. Williams 3-4, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 5-6, R. Hallett 7-8. First quarter for 1-2 and 3-4. First 'in hand' for 7-8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, C. H. Walker 2, L. Chislet 3, S. Ball 4, E. Jones 5, P. Arndre 6, W. Packer 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Madeley 1, R. Hazledine (first in method) 2, W. Chester (first in method as cond.) 3, R. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, A. Hickman 6, F. Price 7, S. Hughes 8. A farewell to the conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On March 5th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss B. Cleveland 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, J. H. S. Giddings 3, F. S. Slatford 4, P. W. J. Harding 5, F. A. Penn (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

SOUTH NEWTON, SALISBURY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Smith (13) 1, E. Smith 2, D. Kiddle 3, P. Rock 4, F. E. Manns (cond.) 5, G. Smith 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

STROUD, GLOS. — On Feb. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Austin 1 G. Case 2, T. Newman 3, W. Sidwell 4, T. Pritchard 5, W. Jones 6, W. Cox 7, T. Witts 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, H. Newman 10. First quarter for 1 and 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. P. Morris (cond.) 1, A. T. Kirkman 2, L. G. Toseland 3, B. F. Lumbers 4, J. Shatford 5. First quarter Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS. — On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G. Wills 1, A. Armstrong 2, V. Adams (cond.) 3, F. Gasson 4, T. C. Watts 5, C. T. Watts 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. Also on March 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss E. Sharp 1, C. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, Rev. F. J. Amies 4, F. Gasson 5, V. Adams (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 29th. 1,260 Doubles (120 Stedman, 240 each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Wm. A. Hughes 1, L. W. Skinner 2, R. Hartley 3, B. Sullivan 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, C. Sullivan 6. First quarter in five methods by all except conductor.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER. — On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Bowkett 1, R. D. Airey 2, J. D. Shepherd 3, Miss M. Walshaw (cond.) 4, J. Clegg 5, C. Clegg 6, B. Walshaw 7, D. Henshall 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*†Donald Chadwick ...*Treble*	Harold Denman 4
Miss K. Burchnall... 2	†Frederick Flint ... 5
Miss G. Burchnall ... 3	Herert T. Rooke ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Treble Bob.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

William J. Barrett ...*Treble*	Peter J. Eves 3
*George Abbott 2	*John R. Stone 4

Albert G. Bartholomew *Tenor*
Conducted by William J. Barrett.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 28, 1948, *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 6¼ cwt.

Colin A. Wharton ...*Treble*	William A. Stote ... 3
*Miss J. M. Griffiths 2	Harold Folwell 4

L. Michael Callow ... *Tenor*
Conducted by William A. Stote.
* First peal.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Wallace W. Cousins ...*Treble*	Ernest H. Mastin ... 4
Edward Barker 2	William Buckenham ... 5
Cecil V. Ebberson ... 3	Claude Cousins ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by William Buckenham.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Walter F. Mawby ...*Treble*	*Edward G. Bennett ... 4
Eric Nobles 2	William R. Hammons... 5
†Norman F. Bull ... 3	*Ronald A. Pearson ... *Tenor*

Conducted by William R. Hammons.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Ronald C. Noon ...*Treble*	William R Hammons .. 4
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden 2	Philip Jones 5
George Care 3	Eric Nobles ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First peal of Minor in three methods. The conductor's birthday peal. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jones (Brafield).

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 4 callings, and 22 six-scores of Grandsire, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Fredk. F. Godsmark...*Treble*	*George A. Packham ... 3
*Stella M. Wickens ... 2	*Basil W. White 4

Charles H. Wickens... *Tenor*
Conducted by Stella M. Wickens.
* First peal in more than one method. First peal in two methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

Record Length of Major on Handbells.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in 6 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
At the Royal Masonic Junior School,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 13664 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15.

Edwin A. Barnett ... 1-2	Harold G. Cashmore ... 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley 3-4	Ernest C. S. Turner ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by E. C. S. Turner.
Witness: Miss Margaret D. Telford.

TRING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Miss R. M. Minall ... 1-2	Wilfrid H. J. Hooton... 5-6
Edwin H. Lewis 3-4	*Miss Brenda Fells ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.
* First peal on eight bells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
In St. Peter's Hall,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

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.
Arranged to mark F. S. Wilson's 73rd birthday.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At Sunnyview,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey Dodds 1-2	John A. Acres 5-6
Edwin J. Lindley 3-4	Albert E. Austin 7-8

*J. Reginald Heath ... 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
* First peal on ten bells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
In M9, Whewell's Court, Trinity College,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

P. Michael Freeman ... 1-2	Rev. B. F. Sheppard ... 5-6
Edwin J. Lindley 3-4	Stanley E. Darmon ... 7-8

Geoffrey Dodds 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 3, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty six-scores (10 callings) and one 240 Morris'. Tenor size 14 in D.

Fredk. E. Dukes 1-2	John T. Dunwoody ... 3-4

A. Ernest McGrath ... 5-6
Conducted by A. Ernest McGrath.
First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 5, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes*
In St. Margaret's Select Vestry,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C. sharp.

Charles Marshall 1-2	Ernest Morris 7-8
Walter P. Whitehead ... 3-4	Colin Harrison 9-10
Percy L. Harrison ... 5-6	Josiah Morris 11-12

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
Believed to be the first exact 5,000 rung 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Mar. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
In St. Martin's Church Ringing Room,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2	Albert Walker 5-6
Frank W. Perrens ... 3-4	Daniel T. Matkin 7-8

George E. Fearn 9-10
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

OBITUARY

MR. OSWALD SIMM.

Mr. Oswald Simm, a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for 52 years, passed away on March 6th at the age of 79 years. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at Cramlington, until ill-health compelled him to give up ringing some years ago. His peals numbered 31. The interment was at Cramlington Churchyard on March 9th. A course of Bob Minor was rung over the grave by three of his oldest friends, Messrs. A. Gofton, J. Gofton and J. E. R. Keen.

THE REV. M. C. POTTER.

One of the earliest members of Cambridge University Guild, the Rev. Michael Cressé Potter, Emeritus Professor of Botany in the University of Durham, died at New Milton on March 9th in his 90th year. His last peal is believed to have been one of Kent Treble Bob Major just before the 1914 war.

'Church Bells' of March 12th, 1881, records: 'On the 22nd ult., five members of the Cambridge University Guild rang three six-scores of Bob Doubles, being their first unassisted performance: R. Copeman (Clare) treble, E. Knowles (St. John's) 2, M. C. Potter (Peterhouse) 3, Rev. A. Boughey (Trinity) 4, W. Pearson (Clare) tenor. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. Also on Saturday, the 12th ult., six members of the society rang on the handbells 720 Bob Minor: R. Copeman 1, M. C. Potter 2, Rev. A. Boughey 3, E. Knowles 4, W. Baker (Clare) 5, W. Pearson 6.'

Of Mr. Knowles we know little, but all the remainder took Holy Orders, and Canon Baker, the Rev. Boughey and the Rev. W. C. Pearson were all well-known ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Will Secretaries of Associations who elect their Central Council representatives on Easter Monday kindly send names and addresses immediately after the meeting? — G. W. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting at Heston on Feb. 21st, Mr. J. Lewis Cockey, the hon. district secretary, presented his tenth and last annual report, which recorded another successful year. Twelve district and one general meeting had been held with an average attendance of 40, a considerable increase. Peal ringing was prolific and quarter-peals for service ringing had been more than maintained, with St. Mary's, Ealing, topping the list with eight.

The resignation of Mr. Cockey from the hon. secretaryship was received with regret, Mr. E. C. S. Turner testifying to his devotion and unselfishness and the high esteem with which he was held by both clergy and laymen.

Mr. Cockey, in reply, said during his ten years of office he had made many life-long friends and had a host of pleasant memories.

The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Finch, was elected to the office of hon. district secretary; other officers elected were: Assistant hon. district secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Bannister; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. W. W. Webb; Central Committee, Messrs. F. C. Baldwin, G. M. Kilby and J. S. Lewis Cockey; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

The general secretary reminded members that the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund was still open, and much more was needed towards a memorial to their late and much loved general secretary, and a ready response was accorded.

The vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. G. Craggs) for the use of the bells, and to the members of the Heston band and friends for the excellent arrangements for tea, hoped the day was not far distant when the Heston supper, an annual event of pre-war days, would be possible. Mr. H. C. Chandler gave his assurance that he would be very happy to assist in organising this old Middlesex custom.

LETTERS

PEALS AT CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any readers of 'The Ringing World' can remember ringing a peal at Chobham. When I sent in the peal on February 14th I claimed it as the first for 25 years, but no member of our band can remember one since 1892, when the bells were augmented from five to eight. I should like to know how many peals have been rung since then.—Yours truly, R. COLLINS.

Burrow Hill, Chobham.

DOUBLE NORWICH 4ths PLACE BOB

Dear Sir,—The congratulations of the Exercise will doubtless be offered to the gentleman who, according to a footnote in 'The Ringing World' of March 5th, has just rung his first peal of Double Norwich with a fourths place bob away from the treble. If he perseveres, perhaps he will one day emulate the achievement of the Hampshire ringers who rang a peal of Cambridge with a single in it, or take part in some equally meritorious performance! —Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have for some time been compiling a bibliography of bells and change ringing, and have already received valuable help from the librarian of the Central Council and others interested in the Exercise.

Now, however, I have exhausted all the resources at my disposal without being able to trace certain books which I know to exist, and I am hoping that some of your readers may be able to assist me. I am particularly anxious to see a list of books which was printed by the Rev. E. Bankes James at the Seafield Park Press in November, 1932.

I require details of publisher, place of publication, paging and illustrations for the following: 1 William Andrews, 'History of Bells' (Paisley, 1885); 2 J. T. Fowler, 'Bells and bellringing'; 3 J. T. Fowler, 'A bell at Pontefract'; 4 G. F. Woodhouse, 'Change ringing machine.'

Finally, does anyone know the identity of 'W.S.C.R.,' the author of a humorous pamphlet, published in 1883, entitled 'Great Paul tongue-tied'?—Yours faithfully, F. J. HILL.

6, Scarth Road, Barnes, S.W.13.

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MISCELLANEOUS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—The address of the new Hon. District Sec. is F. A. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13. 3260

CORNWALL.—Will all ringing brethren of the Craft coming to Cornwall during the summer kindly write to the undersigned? It is hoped to arrange for some peal ringing for the Craft in the county.—E. V. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth. 3220

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Denis A. Bayles' address is now c/o 22, Lancaster Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 3232

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Rededication, Bletchingley bells (8), March 27th. Service 3. Ringing 3.30. 3201

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall, 12 noon prompt. Bells—Cathedral (12), All Saints' (10), Claines (10) and Hallow (8)—times later. Own arrangements for meals.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 3185

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wells, Easter Monday Service in the Cathedral, 12 noon. The Right Reverend the Bishop will preach. Lunch (4s. 6d.), Wickenden's Restaurant. Names essential, 1 p.m. Committee meeting, Priest Row, 2 p.m. General meeting 3 p.m. Bells—St. Cuthbert's 10.45 to 11.40, 2 to 3 and in the evening except from 6.30 to 7; Cathedral, after lunch till 2.45 and during the evening from 4.45. The following towers will be open on notice being given: Dinder, Croscombe, Glastonbury (both towers), Chewton Mendip.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 3172

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual meeting at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Six towers available from 9.30 a.m. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch, Nightingale's, 12.45, followed by business meeting. Application for lunch by March 27th (limit 70) to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3189

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Cambridge, Easter Monday. Bells, Great St. Andrew's, 11 to 3.15 and after tea; St. Benet's, 11 to 3.15 and after 7; Great St. Mary's, 1.30 to 3.30 and after tea; R.C., 11 to 12.30 and 6.30 to 8. Service, Great St. Mary's, 3.30, followed by tea at Dorothy Cafe and business meeting. Cups of tea will be provided at St. Andrew's between 12.30 and 1.30 for those bringing luncheon sandwiches.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec 3199

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — A meeting, Walton-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall. St. Mary's bells, Oatlands Park, will be open at 7 p.m.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 3203

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. St. Paul's 10 bells will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. St. Peter's 6 bells will be available from 9.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m., 12 noon to 1 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch will be held in the St. Paul's Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names, please, for lunch as early as possible to Mr. S. Foskett, 38, Miller Street, Bedford. 3200

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Dartford, Easter Monday. Ringing times: Dartford and Old Erith, from 10 a.m.; Christ Church, Erith, from 11 a.m.; Crayford, after lunch; Bexley, 4 till 7 o'clock; Sidcup, 4 till 6.30. Applicants who have not received luncheon tickets by post please apply at Dartford belfry between 11 and 11.50 a.m.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 3254

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Wisbech (10), Saturday, April 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Means, Melbourne, 56, Queens Road, Wisbech, not later than April 1st.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3209

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, April 3rd. Tea 1s. 9d.; apply Frank Rhodes, Overdale, Kebroyd Lane, Triangle, Halifax, before April 1st. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), April 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify. Train from Banbury 3.15. Return 7 p.m.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting, Hursley, Saturday, April 3rd. Wedding 2.30 p.m. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at the King's Head. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, c/o Mrs. Hayes, 39, St. Bernard's Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, by Monday, March 29th. 3190

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Donington, April 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. S. V. Woods, Market Place, Donington, Spalding, by March 27th. 3197

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before Tuesday, March 30th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 3207

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Talgarth (6), April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea for certain by March 30th.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 3206

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 3rd. Cathedral and St. Alkmund's, 2.30 till tea. Committee 4 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Tea 5 p.m., St. Peter's, followed by meeting. Cathedral and St. Peter's available after tea. Names to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, not later than Thursday, 1st. 3192

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston Parish Church, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at the Holte Hotel at 5.15 for those only who notify Mr. W. L. Whiston, 174, Marsh Lane, Erdington, Birmingham 23, not later than April 1st. Cost of tea 2s. per head. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Albans. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Christ Church Parish Room, Church Crescent, 5.15 p.m. Numbers by March 27th at latest. Ringing: Cathedral, 2 p.m. to service and in evening; St. Peter's, 2 to 3.30 and in evening; six-bell towers, 2 to 3.30 (St. Stephen's only) and after the meeting. Hatfield bells (10) available in the morning. Notice has been given that the rules will be revised at this meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. 3212

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Crewkerne (8), April 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Good bus service. Please notify by March 30th for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 3228

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — A combined practice at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, April 3rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3226

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—City and Rural Branch.—Combined meeting at Almondsbury (8), April 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea by March 29th, Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 3224

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Whickham, St. Mary's, Saturday, April 3rd, 2.30. Please notify Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, for tea by April 1st.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3219

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting, Denford, April 3rd. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, please. Ringstead available from 6.15 p.m. — G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 3233

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—S.W. Branch. — Meeting, Buckland Monachorum, April 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3221

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Beighton (6), April 3rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 3217

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Dilhorne (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Bentley, Rock Cottage, Dilhorne, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3216

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Next meeting Spratton, Saturday, April 3rd. Names for tea MUST reach me by Monday previous.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 3231

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. —P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3234

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Chicheley (6) on Saturday, April 3rd, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 3258

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone, April 3rd. Bells (2) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. Names for tea by March 31st to J. W. Knight, 19, White Cots, Oxted. 3238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Walthamstow, Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing, St. Saviour's (8) from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 31st.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3237

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's Church (8), April 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than April 1st to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 3240

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bradford-on-Avon, Saturday, April 3rd. Usual arrangements.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec. 3241

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness Branches.—Joint meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 31st, to W. Bolton, Kirkmead, Silverdale.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Branch Secretaries. 3244

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Silverton, April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 3255

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting of the Grimsby District at Thornton Curtis, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 3s. per head in Schoolroom. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. W. Tomlinson, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, by Wednesday, March 31st. — H. J. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3250

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 3rd, Rainford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 3s. to those who write to S. Cadwallender, 51, Church Road, Rainford. No business. 3266

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice and social evening afterwards at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Social 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Admission to social in Victoria Hall, Ash, is 2s. Proceeds in aid of the Ash Bell Fund. £1,000 is needed. Will you help us and buy a ticket or send a donation? Please send to G. S. Joyce, District Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3251

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — Next meeting will be held at Bispham, Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3264

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, the Cathedral, April 3rd. Bells 3. Evensong 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names by March 31st, please.—George E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 3265

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Tutbury (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Service 4.15 p.m., ringing afterwards. — J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 3262

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnley, April 3rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3263

CHISLEHURST, ST. NICHOLAS'.—Weekly practice changed to Wednesday on and from April 7th, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Sundays 5.45 p.m. (alight at Chislehurst War Memorial). 3235

LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 6th Arthur R. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton. 3230

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourn, April 10th. Bells 3. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4. Service 5.30. Replies by Monday, April 5th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 3218

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, Wymondham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage Room. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 6th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 3223

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting, St. Osyth (6) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 3 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by April 7th, please. — H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3225

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on April 10th. Bells ready at 10.30 a.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 at 4s. 6d. each. Names to Mr. Ivan Kay, 69, Fir Tree Lane, Bardsley, Ashton-u-Lyne, before April 7th. Limit 100.—W. H. Shuker, T. Wilson, Hon. Secretaries. 3236

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, April 10th. Important: Names for tea to me not later than Thursday, April 1st, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 3249

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Cranford (6), April 10th. Names tea imperative by Friday, April 2nd.—G. Watson, 31, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 3247

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Chislehurst, April 10th. Bells available Eltham Parish Church 1.15 to 2.30; Chislehurst, Annunciation, 2.30 to 4.15; St. Nicholas', 6.30 to 8 p.m.; and Sidcup, 7.30 to 8.45. Service at Annunciation 4.15, followed by tea and business. Tea applications must reach Frank Knight, 4, Cambray Road, Orpington, by April 6th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 3245

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, April 17th. Clerkenwell, Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 2.30, Clerkenwell also after meeting. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30. Names for tea before April 14th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 3222

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Barford St. Martin, April 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by April 7th to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 3243

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Monthly meeting. Heanor, April 10th, 2.30. Names for tea to T. Needham, Mundella, Hassock Lane North, Shipley, Derbyshire, by 7th. 3242

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Arundel, April 10th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please. Rockwell Green bells after meeting.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 3253

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Wenden (6), Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 7th, please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3239

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Will members please reserve Saturday, April 17th, annual general meeting at East Retford. Full particulars later. Maximum attendance essential. —T. Groombridge, jun. 3252

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Dedication of bells, Great Wakering, five rehung and sixth added, by the Lord Bishop of Barking, Saturday, May 1st, at 3.30 p.m. Tea.—H. Milton, High Street, Great Wakering, Southend-on-Sea. 3227

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The following practices have been arranged: Chislehurst, Church of the Annunciation, last Thursday each month, 7.30 to 9; Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', last Tuesday each month, 7.30 to 9.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3246

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I WALKED up the short drive and approached the front door. On it was a neat plate, 'Professor Backstroke.' There was, of course, no need to ring, as doorbells had long gone out of date.

He invited me in and I explained that I was interested in ringing and would like to see his famous private collection of ringing exhibits.

When he saw I was genuinely interested, he sallied forth into waves of enthusiasm. 'The history of change ringing is unique,' he said. 'By 1948 it was well established, and had reached its peak as an art. Then in 1950 the educationalists, seeking for something without material gain, introduced it as a subject in schools. That was the start of the great Ringing Revolution, 1950-75. Every tiny village had its ring of bells, and everyone of any social standing learned to ring. The School Certificate Exam. was superseded by a peal test.

'In 1971 the first great peal was launched — the extent of Bob Maximus was started at a special tower built on Dartmoor beyond earshot of habitation. It was to take 90 years, and various ringers of the National Guild (which had by then 3 million membership) volunteered in shifts to ring. The British Society ridiculed the attempt. But the peal went on night and day until 2023, when the planet war with Mars ended it abruptly. During that time over four thousand ringers took part in three-hour shifts. There was a great demand for standing in the portions with the tenors unparted.'

He showed me the library section, the first edition of 'Tintinnalogia' holding the place of honour. In the first shelf I saw the ancient Snowdon series, dwarfed by the mighty volumes which filled three sides of the room. I glanced at some of the books—'The Electronics of Lead End Detection,' 'The Neovibratron applied to Composition of Maximus Methods.' My head reeled at the titles.

'Now we must continue the story while I show you the machine section,' he said. We saw Carter's and Woodhouse's machines in a glass case. Having been purchased for thousands of pounds, they had been stolen during the planet war and had been found hidden on an asteroid by a Space Seeker.

'For a long time these were the only machines made for ringing,' the Professor said. 'Then in 1967 church bells were first rung mechanically.' He showed me a light ring of eight and rang a course of Bristol on them—perfectly struck. The bells were driven by torque amplifiers worked from a ringing machine (the tenor was 3 cwt.). 'All the big churches installed them,' he said, 'and ringing ceased to be an art. People developed taste for methods and the old classical music became very lowbrow. It was all done by machinery.'

He took me to another room, and showed the False Peal Detector of 1969. 'The idea was first suggested by a Norwich ringer in 1947 and this machine was his design.' It had a seat and in front was one of the old-fashioned gas jets. 'The composer of a peal had to sit here, and if a change repeated, the gas jet flared out and scorched him. By an Act of Parliament (Ringing Act, 1973) every new peal registered had to be rung on it by the composer.'

Next we saw the Method Producer, 1979. The Professor set it to produce all the double plain maximus methods, and I was amazed to watch it working. The lower part was a mass a radio valves, condensers and wiring. 'This machine concocts methods by the places every thousandth of a second. If a plain bob lead end results, a special circuit takes a photograph of the places.' As I watched, a strip of microfilm came irregularly out of a slot. We examined it under a lens and saw on it the methods in code form. 'There are many thousands of the methods,' he said. 'This machine is slow—it would take an hour to find them.' He switched it off.

I left the house in a whirl. Peals in a split second! The wretched jangle of bells at high speed started again. I put out my hand to the knob to slow down the striking and it stopped. The alarm clock snarled 'half-past seven' at me.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Howard Howell ...	7
Herbert C. Spencer ...	2	Henry H. Fearn	8
Albert Walker	3	J. Frank Smallwood...	9
Daniel T. Matkin ...	4	John Pinfold	10
Miss Margaret Fideli.	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
Jack L. Millhouse ...	6	*George E. Fearn ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Daniel T. Matkin	*Treble*	John Pinfold	7
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Geoffrey J. Lewis ...	8
Albert Walker	3	George E. Fearn	9
J. Frank Smallwood ...	4	Henry H. Fearn	10
Edgar C. Shepherd ...	5	Herbert C. Spencer ...	11
Arthur D. Cook	6	Frank E. Haynes...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by J. Frank Smallwood.

TEN BELL PEALS

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Etheldreda,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

Albert Lawrence	*Treble*	*William J. Arnold ...	6
James Bennett	2	Alan White	7
Albert W. Coles ...	3	John T. Kentish ...	8
*Donald C. Price... ...	4	Walter Ayre	9
Harold P. Burton ...	5	Harold V. Frost ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

WEST HAM, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

Alfred W. Brighton...	*Treble*	John G. Nash	6
Thomas H. Taffender	2	Frank V. Gant	7
Frank E. Darby	3	Ernest W. Furbank ...	8
Thomas W. Taffender	4	James Bullock	9
*N. G. Hollingworth...	5	Edward D. Smith ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Edward D. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

William H. Hewett	*Treble*	Thomas G. Fox	6
John E. Chilcott	2	Reuben Sanders	7
Herbert Langdon ...	3	Alfred B. Peck	8
Horace Belcher	4	John Phillips	9
James G. A. Prior ...	5	James Rumley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Phillips.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

John E. S. Moreton	*Treble*	Joseph A. Fenton ...	6
Allan Cattell	2	Charles Marshall ...	7
Walter P. Whitehead...	3	James F. Clarke	8
Frank Trotman	4	John Thompson	9
James Draycott	5	Ernest Morris ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Sam Thomas. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Minster Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25½ cwt.

Mrs. A. Diserens	*Treble*	Percy J. Dyke	5
Bernard C. Castle ...	2	*William Evans	6
John S. Taylor	3	Arthur Wiggins ...	7
Charles M. Pullen ...	4	*Wilfred Maxted	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard C. Castle.
* First peal.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Harold J. Peskett	*Treble*	‡Geoffrey Andrews ...	5
*Mrs. G. W. Tamplin ...	2	Henry Weaver	6
†Miss J. Humphrey ...	3	Harold F. Wood ...	7
Ernest Treagus	4	Raymond Wood, jun....	*Tenor*

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by R. Wood, jun.
* First of Major. † First in method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Fredk. G. Leaker	*Treble*	Royston G. Bryant ...	5
Albert M. Tyler	2	Norman H. Coombs ...	6
Alfred E. Reeves... ...	3	Donald G. Clift	7
Ronald W. Hayward ...	4	Emlyn F. Hancock	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Hopgood (C.C.C. 32).
Conducted by Emlyn F. Hancock.
First peal of Major as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

John Charnock ...	*Treble*	*John Jackson	5
*G. Alec Dimmock ...	2	*Arthur Hatch	6
E. Roger Martin ...	3	Cyril Crossthwaite ...	7
*Edw. Cowperthwaite...	4	Herbert G. Andrews	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by C. Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Alick Cutler	*Treble*	*Fredk. A. Finch... ...	5
Ernest C. S. Turner ...	2	Leonard H. Bowler ...	6
Maurice Hodgson ...	3	Charles W. Roberts ...	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS ...	...*Treble*	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ...	5
*DOREEN COKER	2	A. REGINALD BLABY ...	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	WALTER LEE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal of Major.

BASFORD, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat.. Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEO DEGARIUS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FREDK. A. SALTER	...*Treble*	*HORACE SEAGRAVE ...	5
SAMUEL PENDER	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	6
GERLING RIGBY	3	PHILIP L. PARROT ...	7
*REUBEN E. CARLISLE ...	4	*RALPH W. CARLISLE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Mar. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

LEONARD FIDLER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	6
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ...	3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ...	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *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. in D.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	...*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	2	ERIC T. LEE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	FRED. A. MUNDAY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIE T. TUDBALL	...*Treble*	HENRY W. LLOYD	5
SIDNEY WYBURN	2	ISAAC FARMER	6
†RAYMOND YOUNG	3	ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ...	7
JACK TUDBALL	4	*REGINALD J. HERROD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	...*Treble*	†FREDK. E. DUKES ...	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	HAROLD W. CLARK ...	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
*FREDK. P. MEAD	4	EDMUND MOUNTER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal. † First of Stedman Triples.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. PLANE	5
MISS MARGARET ADDISON	2	ADAM DEAS	6
*H. STANLEY GRISDALE ...	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	7
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON...	4	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal. In memoriam Oswald Simm.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. A. FINCH ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	5
RUSSELL G. SPEARS ...	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, 112 changes of method, and all the work of all methods.
Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY ...	...*Treble*	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
MAURICE HODGSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST, NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	...*Treble*	THOMAS D. LEASK	4
CHARLES THORLEY, SEN....	2	ERNEST J. PADGETT ...	5
RONALD F. LUNN	3	ERNEST THORLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER D. DUNN ...	...*Treble*	*C. JOHN GIBBS	4
ALFRED MOULD	2	JACK BAILEY	5
†JAMES MOULD	3	KEITH HUDSTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, HEALEY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS AUDREY ODDIE	...*Treble*	IVAN KAY	4
ALBERT MILLS	2	ALLAN SMITH	5
ALWYN TAYLOR	3	JAMES TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 St. Clement's Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOS. W. LOCKWOOD	...*Treble*	LESLIE FORSTER	4
BERT CHILVERS	2	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	3	W. ARCHIE LOCK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of an extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	FRANK H. HICKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Mrs. F. C. Goodman	*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
John R. Smith	2	Arthur J. Smalls	5
*Frank C. Phillippo	3	F. Charles Goodman	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Charles Goodman.
* First peal in more than one method.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Allan F. Kirkman	*Treble*	John Shatford	4
Miss Enid Walklake	2	Geoffrey E. Watson	5
*Bertram F. Lumbers	3	Burley P. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First of Minor in four methods.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 21 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Reginald Finch	*Treble*	‡Basil L. Smart	4
*Bertie O. Soden	2	William R. Hammons	5
†Eric Nobles	3	‡Charles H. Bushell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First peal of Doubles in two methods and 90th peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal. In memoriam Mr. Jim Trasler, late tower captain of Dallington.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Sidney Clements	*Treble*	Stanley Gilbert	4
*Walter Papworth	2	G. Henry Dunnington	5
Frank Warrington	3	John Perkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF COLLEGE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

Harry Baker	*Treble*	Mark W. Marshall	4
Albert J. Lancefield	2	Fredk. G. Huckstepp	5
William C. Marshall	3	Mark S. Lancefield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
First peal in the method by all the band.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 21 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*John C. Newcombe	*Treble*	‡Edward G. Bennett	3
†William J. Norton	2	William R. Hammons	4
Eric Nobles			*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles in two methods. First peal on the bells.

WHITNASH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

L. Michael Callow	*Treble*	John W. Taylor	4
*Roy D. Hayne	2	Thomas W. Sheppard	5
John W. T. Taylor	3	William A. Stote	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Stote.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
George E. Feirn	3-4	Philip Barnes	7-8

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Jack Bray.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
At 34, Aston Lane,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor size 15 in C.

Allan Short	1-2	George F. Swann	5-6
Herbert C. Spencer	3-4	Morris J. Morris	7-8

Conducted by Geo. F. Swann. Referee: Fredk. W. Rishworth.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At Victoria Villas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6624 CHANGES;

Olave E. Broyd	1-2	Albert Catterwell	5-6
Ernest W. Pye	3-4	Edwin Jennings	7-8

Composed by A. Knights (274 Reversed). Conducted by E. W. Pye.
Umpire: R. Young.
In memoriam William Pye, March 8th, 1935.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*
At 21, The Chine,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Miss Annie Brown	1-2	Albert M. Tyler	5-6
John Thomas	3-4	Donald G. Clift	7-8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal of Major on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C sharp

BEDMINSTER, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*
At 5, Addison Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor size 16 in B.

Royston G. Bryant	1-2	John Thomas	5-6
Albert M. Tyler	3-4	Donald G. Clift	7-8

Conducted by John Thomas.

FOREST HILL, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At 83, Hurstbourne Road, S.E.23.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Fredk. F. Dukes	1-2	William L. B. Leese	5-6
Geoffrey V. Murphy	3-4	Philip A. Corby	7-8

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal on eight handbells.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.*
At 68, Newfield Road,
A PEAL OF OXFORD 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.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on handbells for the Guild.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 10, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,*
At Broad Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

Reginald Rippingale	1-2	Thomas Bird	3-4
		Ralph Bird	5-6

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,*
At Merok, 3, Carlton Terrace.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. R. G. Cross	1-2	Frederick Page	3-4
		*R. Gordon Cross	5-6

* 100th peal. Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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A correspondent is anxious to obtain a loan of a photograph of Mr. J. A. Trollope. Please forward same to Editor.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Hatfield was a 70th birthday compliment to J. T. Kentish, who rang the eighth.

With less than 10 changes to go, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was lost at Brampton, Hunts, on March 18th, by the rope of the fourth breaking. It was the first attempt for a quarter by two of the company.

Down Dunster, Somerset, way there was a golden wedding peal on March 9th for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elliott. Mr. Elliott has been a member of the local band for 62 years and except during the ban never missed ringing the old year out throughout this period.

A note to Mr. E. A. Barnett from Mr. E. W. Pye: May I be permitted to point out that the peal of Superlative Surprise Major which he called for his 200th peal on December 18th, 1935, was composed by the late Ernest Pye before he was born?

From Australia comes the January issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the N.S.W. Association. 'During the year the Association scored two peals and 20 quarter-peals. Practically all towers report increased activity, and the spirit of co-operation and cordiality has never been more evident,' states the editorial.

The new look made its appearance at the meeting of Kent ringers at Great Mongeham on March 13th, and a new link was made when the Ringwould band was elected member of the Association for the first time. 'Welcome, Ringwould.'

In reply to Mr. R. Collins, there have been many peals at Chobham. Mr. G. N. Price called Stedman Triples on August 31st, 1901, the Rev. F. E. Robinson the same method on January 3rd, 1903, and January 25th, 1904. A peal of Double Norwich was called by Mr. John S. Goldsmith on June 12th, 1905.

Of interest to all Lancashire is the peal at Penwortham on March 6th, a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shuker. It was attempted in the same tower a fortnight previously, but came to grief in the next to last course. Another golden wedding peal for the worthy secretary was at Rochdale on March 6th.

The Rev. Arthur Talbot, Rector of Wrington, is appealing for £15,000 for the restoration of All Saints', Wrington. He writes: This great task of church restoration owes much to the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, as he was the first to draw up a detailed report on the work most urgently needed and was always so eager for work to be commenced before the damage by weather, erosion and now deathwatch beetle grew worse. Unfortunately he has not lived to see the work put in hand.

Apropos Cheltenham's claim for consideration as a meeting place for the Central Council. A correspondent points out that the ringing facilities are ample with twelve-bell towers at Cheltenham, Painswick and Tewkesbury, a ten and three eights at Gloucester and eights at Prestbury, Charlton Kings and Leckhampton within 2½ miles of the centre. There are many six-bell towers within a radius of ten miles.

Mr. E. A. Barnett informs us that the longest length of Double Norwich 'in hand' was 6,240 changes, rung at Bushey on Feb. 11th, 1940, by the same band that created the recent record, except that his father rang instead of Mr. Harold Cashmore. This was conducted by Mr. E. A. Barnett and was his first peal of Double Norwich 'in hand' as conductor. Probably on account of the war the performance was not brought to the notice of the Record Lengths Committee.

Record Handbell Peal

Sir,—The passing of time has left its mark on the Exercise. Thirty years ago your item in Belfry Gossip of March 12th announcing a record peal of Double Norwich in hand would quickly have brought letters informing the band that notice was required of the attempt. Up to the present no observation has been passed on this omission. All the band are members of the Central Council, two being very prominent members; they knew the rules and ought to set an example.

While heartily congratulating them on their performance, I think for their own satisfaction it would have been better if they had given notice of the attempt, as they were creating a new Major record. The fact that the peal was rung on a Sunday and in a school suggests that it was a private affair. When we rang our record peal in 1912 the late Mr. Goldsmith impressed upon us that the attempt should be made where anyone could come and listen. The church and belfry were open and ringers were coming and going all day long.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

AMPLIFYING SETS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pipe's comments on the above in 'Suffolk Reports,' published in March 19th issue, brought to my mind an experience I had not long ago. I am 'bell adviser' in this district and I was approached by a vicar of a church which had a tower with one bell. He said he had thought of installing a set of this type and what was my opinion. I told him it was a capital idea, as it would save the parish a lot of money. He agreed and said that was one of the matters he had in mind.

I continued, however, to explain other purposes for which it could be adapted. I said, in addition to being a substitute for the bells, it could be a substitute for the organ and choir, and I reminded him of the large collection of records that would fit in with the service, and again, if this idea became popular, 'records' would be available for a whole service, and a collection of good 'preachers' would be in the repertoire of such a church. Ringers' and choir expenses, vicar's salary and vicarage all saved. He dropped the idea, and my parting words were, 'If it's for a place of worship, let it be the real thing.'

He took my advice and went into the matter of having a ring of bells installed. Unfortunately, the tower would not stand the strain.

PETER CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On March 13th, at the first meeting to be held at Feltham since the restoration of the bells, members and friends were very impressed with the magnificent results attained from what had always been considered a very ordinary ring.

The front four have been recast and the peal rehung and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated. It was generally agreed that at their weight (11¼ cwt.) it would be difficult to find a better eight in the country. Even J.F.S., in spite of his legpulling, was obviously enjoying the music.

This restoration would not have been possible but for the efforts of Mr. Tony Price (tower secretary) and his band, who have created almost a precedent in their efforts to reduce the cost. They completely dismantled the old ring and lowered the bells to the ground, no mean task, particularly in a tower where little or no provision had been made in the past against the possibility of their ever being removed. Congratulations were accorded Mr. Price and his band by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey.

Some good ringing under the supervision of Mr. T. Bannister (Master) and Mr. W. W. Webb, his deputy, was enjoyed by the thirty members.

Dedications

DENHAM, BUCKS.

The rededication of Denham bells took place on March 11th, the Bishop of Buckingham officiating. During the service Miss Katharine Wyld read 'In Memoriam' (Tennyson), which preceded the ringing of the bells.

Early last year it was discovered that the old timber framework was seriously affected by dry rot and the 4th bell, cast by James Bartlet in 1683, found to be cracked. It was decided to have the bells rehung with modern fittings in a new cast iron and steel frame, the fourth bell recast and the entire ring retuned. This work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., the cost being met by Major R. H. Way. A tablet records that the bells were rehung 'in happy memory of Lt.-Col. B. J. Way,' D.S.O., died Maritzburg, Natal, October 1st, 1932, Major G. O. Way, D.S.O., died June 28th, 1938, Constance Way, died May 31st, 1930, and as a thankoffering for the survival of his two sons through all the perils of the World War.'

Visiting ringers rang Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge after the service, and hopes are entertained of arranging at an early date a joint meeting here of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Middlesex County Association. Satisfaction was expressed at the go and tone of the bells.

WALTON-LE-DALE, PRESTON.

A complete restoration of St. Leonard's bells has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The old six, which were cast by Lester and Pack in 1761, have been recast, with the addition of two trebles to make a handy ring of eight, the tenor being 15½ cwt. in F. The frame is of oak (rather unusual in these modern days), with all the latest fittings and the bells will go like the proverbial tops.

The dedication by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn was arranged for March 31st at 7.30 p.m. On April 17th there is to be a branch meeting, which will serve as an open day for all who are interested.

ARBITRARY DEFINITIONS AND FALSE IDEAS, EXPOSED BY GEORGE BAKER

Previous to my discovery in 1924 of Round Blocks and Transpositions in Methods, Principles and Systems, there was some excuse for the false ideas and arbitrary definitions laid down from time to time. There is no excuse since because the science of change ringing is based on the science of permutations, which has no use for arbitrary definitions, and less for false ideas, and, to my mind, it is high time that the Exercise put its house in order.

One arbitrary definition laid down that should be rescinded is the dictum that a method to be the same must have the same lead-head from Minor upwards. This is a false idea, for if the 5th is the fixed pivot bell of method the *lead-ends* will be:—

Minor 146253, Lead-head 142635 or 164523.
Major 18765432, Lead-head 18674523 or 17856342.
Royal 1970583624, Lead-head 1907856342 or 1795038264.
Maximus 197e5t302846, Lead-head 19e7t5038264 or 1795e3t20486.

Or if the 6th is the fixed pivot bell:—

Minor 132546, Lead-head 135264.
Major 17583624, Lead-head 17856342 or 15738264.
Royal 1098765432, Lead-head 1089674523 or 1907856342.
Maximus 10t8e6947253, Lead-head 108t6e492735 or 1t0e89674523.

Or if we take the 'Norwich' method for another example the *lead-heads* of the Single Method are all different, with a different pivot bell for each pair of bells added, whereas the Double method is all one progression with 4th the pivot bell.

Single Method: Minor 135264, Major 15738264, Royal 1795038264, Maximus 19e7t5038264.

Double Method: Minor 156342, Maj. 18674523, Royal 1860492735, Maximus, 18604t2e3957.

(To be continued)

Midland Counties Guild

Netherseale, situated on the southern border of the Diocese of Derby, was the former home of Mr. W. W. Worthington, president of the Midland Counties Guild, and is noted throughout the area for its beautiful ring of eight.

Upon entering the ringing chamber visitors become immediately interested in the fine array of peal tablets recording the achievements of Mr. Worthington and his colleagues before the Great War 1914-18.

The outstanding tablet is the one recording Mr. Worthington's 50th peal, when stalwarts of the Exercise assembled and rang on August 2nd, 1914, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major as follows:—

W. W. Worthington 1 (50); B. Prewett 2 (939); I. Shade 3 (1,065); G. R. Pye 4 (635); R. Pye 5 (984); A. Grimes 6 (413); J. Flint 7 (332); William Pye 8 (1,184); making the total number of peals rung between them 5,602.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, who expressed greetings to the members. A pleasant surprise awaited the company to find that tea had been provided in the Village Hall by the Rector and Mrs. Beale (memories of Netherseale pre-war days). Thanks were extended to the Rector and Mrs. Beale by Mr. B. G. Key and carried with applause.

At the subsequent business meeting it was decided to visit Tutbury on April 3rd. Correspondence was read by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, from the Midland district of the Ladies' Guild regarding the possibilities of a joint meeting at Burton, and hopes were expressed that such a meeting would be arranged in the near future.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

VISIT TO KIRK ELLA.

For their monthly meeting on March 13th at Kirk Ella the Society were the guests of Mr. A. H. Fox, vice-president of the Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, the Rev. R. Foord (Vicar) and the churchwardens.

The unusual features of this church are the many stained glass lancet windows and a so-called Leper's Window, dated about 1250 A.D. The bells, a musical six with tenor 20 cwt., are rung from the ground floor. They were raised in peal and rung to various methods, the service touch being of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The service was taken by the Vicar, with Mr. Fox as organist, and this was followed by tea.

Fifty-five members from 16 towers attended the business meeting, at which Mr. G. F. Williams (president) presided. Meetings were arranged for Sutton-on-Hull, April 10th, Patrington, May 8th, and Pocklington, June 12th.

The Ringing Master (Mr. L. Rodmell) reported steady progress. Three new members were elected, bringing the membership to 160 from 22 towers. Thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Fox and the choir were moved by Mr. Kneeshaw, seconded by Mr. F. Wilkinson.

The Rev. G. Storer, Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, reported that owing to the increased cost of copper and tin, the price for his bells would be about £150 more. His parish was almost entirely a working class and agricultural area The meeting wished him every success.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The Association's general secretary, two masters and two secretaries from other districts were among the attendance of 51 at the meeting at St. Nicholas', Witham, on March 6th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Payne) conducted the service, and a collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 8s. 3d.

Miss H. Snowden (District Master) presided at the business meeting. The Dean of Bocking was elected an honorary member and also four probationers from Bocking. Stebbing was chosen for the next meeting on May 22nd. The chairman thanked the Vicar and all who had made the meeting so successful. The Vicar and Mr. W. S. Butler responded.

Dudley and District Guild

SUPPORT FOR DUBLIN VISIT.

The annual meeting, held at Dudley Parish Church on March 13th, proved to be a record both for weather and attendance. Over 100 members and friends were present at the service and tea.

The president (Canon J. Waring) presided at the business meeting. The officers were again re-elected with two additional vice-presidents.

The treasurer and auditor gave their report and it was unanimously decided to increase the subscription from 6d. to 1s. per year. The Guild decided to support the Central Council in its decision with reference to the proposed visit to Ireland for the 1949 conference.

Mr. B. Ashford moved a resolution that members who had given valuable service to the Guild over a number of years should be honoured by being made lay vice-presidents. This was adopted, and Messrs. J. Goodman and F. Colclough were the first to have this honour conferred on them. Nine new members were elected. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

THE MINSTER ATTRACTS VISITORS.

Southwell Minster was the happy hunting ground of a large number of ringers on March 20th, visitors arriving from Rugby, Chesterfield, Lincoln, Derby and elsewhere.

The central tower houses eight fine bells—tenor 28 cwt. — hung in a massive wooden frame. The ringing chamber itself is something of an oddity, it being a balcony hung round the inside of the tower. Heavy wire netting prevents the unwary ringer toppling into the body of the Minster. The bells are hung anti-clockwise, two ropes falling on each side of the 40ft. square tower. The poor visibility, combined with the great distances between ropes, tends to slow up the rate of striking, and the yawning chasm below strikes awe into many a ringer's breast.

The ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major, the latter being rung in masterly style by a very distinguished band.

A healthy feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present, most of whom were undeterred by the strange conditions.

The Provost of Southwell conducted a service and was later elected a vice-president of the Guild.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

The annual meeting at East Grinstead on March 13th attracted nearly 40 ringers, including visitors from Truro Cathedral and Sudbury. At the service the address was given by Bishop Hordern, late Bishop of Lewes, who said that bells were one of the few things left to remind the public of Sunday, and he hoped that all would put Sunday ringing before anything else, and encourage youngsters to enter the service of the church via the belfry.

Tea, as usual, was given by the Guild president, the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, who also took the chair at the business meeting. Mr. E. J. Ladd was elected chairman for the Guild's 21st birthday year, and Mr. B. Collison, the retiring chairman, took Mr. Ladd's place on the committee.

The Guild accepted an invitation to a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Reigate on May 8th, and fixed the date for the summer outing, a tour into West Kent, for July 17th.

On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Oliver, the rule whereby the Guild paid the excess of 1s. 6d. on members' teas was rescinded, but a lively debate ensued when Major Janes proposed that the old rule should still apply to young members. In the end this was referred back to committee, but it was passed that members under 16 should only pay 1s. per year and that subscriptions of new members joining the Guild on and after October 1st in any year should not be due until the following January.

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—On March 7th, at the Abbey Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. D. Bond 1, W. J. Prescott 2, T. F. King 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, F. S. Merrett 5, E. J. Fry 6, J. Hallett 7, H. D. Taylor 8, R. O. Fry (composer and conductor) 9, H. Merrett and K. Medway 10. First quarter on ten for 1 and 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wolledge (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Frost 2, R. Godfrey (first of Triples) 3, K. Medhurst 4, D. Hall 5, A. Williams (cond.) 6, A. Ball 7, Mrs. E. Roscoe 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS. — On March 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. May (first in method) 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, Miss S. Davis 3, G. Stocker 4, G. Davis 5, A. Hawkins (first inside) 6, R. Crook 7, R. W. Rex (cond.) 8.

BURFORD, OXON. — On March 7th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: M. C. F. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, J. G. Collett (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (first in method as cond.) 7, J. J. Westmacott (first in method) 8.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Richardson 1, E. A. G. Allen 2, D. T. Hills 3, R. Skinner (first 'inside') 4, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 5, E. D. Sills 6, R. E. Norris 7, C. E. J. Norris 8.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral on March 9th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: P. Swindley (cond.) 1, J. Haynes 2, J. E. Best 3, J. Webb 4, H. O. Baker 5, J. W. Griffiths 6, J. E. Cook 7, H. Pye 8. First quarter 'inside' 5 and 7.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM. — On March 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Nicholson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Bertee 2, J. W. Robson 3, F. Sheraton 4, S. C. Walker (cond.) 5, H. Jarret 6, C. Mordue 7, D. A. Bayles 8. First quarter in method for 2, 3, 6 and 7.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET. — On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dennis Rayes (age 15, first quarter of Triples) 1, W. Higdon 2, Miss B. Look 3, E. Elliott 4, H. Lintern 5, W. Higgins 6, J. Lintern (cond.) 7, A. Lintern 8.

EGERTON, KENT. — On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Young (15) 1, D. Hopkins (13) 2, Miss D. Turk (17) 3, F. Roberts 4, A. Waddington 5, J. Pack 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. First by the local band for nine years.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On March 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob): W. Norman 1, A. Eilbeck 2, W. H. Cook 3, I. H. Rothery 4, W. Douglas 5, G. W. Tembey (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On March 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: Miss C. Dunnington 1, Miss M. Green 2, F. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, G. L. Perkins 5, G. H. Dunnington 6. First quarter in method by 2, 3 and 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Oliver 1, J. Ribbans 2, R. Andrews 3, R. Collins 4, W. Goldstone 5, D. Sleet (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by 1 and 4.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Kape (age 13) 1, R. Biggs 2, T. Cox 3, A. G. Janes 4, A. Heywood 5, W. Lee (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, A. R. Blaby 8. First of Major for 1 and 3.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, E. J. Berry 3, W. H. Trueman 4, H. W. Bishop 5, I. H. Trueman 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 6 and 7.

WINDSOR.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, K. Buckingham 2, T. Smith 3, A. Smith 4, E. E. Gosling 5, A. J. Glass 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, C. H. Vitler 8. Rung after the christening of the conductor's granddaughter.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On March 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, F. Wigmore 3, A. Upsall (first of Caters 'inside') 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, W. Jarvis 6, W. Storey 7, W. Freeman 8, H. Means (cond.) 9, F. Moyes 10.

NOTICES

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement was announced on March 28th between Edward, youngest son of Mrs. and the late ex-Police Insp. G. Armstrong, of Addlestone, Surrey, and Iris Pauline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ewins, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. 3289

ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—Board residence, moderate terms. One minute buses to all parts. Comfort assured. Children welcomed. Personal attention.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 3286

WANTED

'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' parts other than 5, 6, 7 and 10 wanted to complete set Write Mrs. Maud M. Gatehouse, 96, Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent. 3277

MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, April 3rd. Tea 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), April 3rd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify. Train from Banbury 3.15. Return 7 p.m.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting, Hursley, Saturday, April 3rd. Wedding 2.30 p.m. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m., at the King's Head. 3190

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston Parish Church, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at the Holte Hotel at 5.15. Cost of tea 2s. per head. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 3rd, at St. Albans. Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Christ Church Parish Room, Church Crescent, 5.15 p.m. Amended ringing arrangements: The Cathedral (12), 2 to 4 and in the evening; St. Peter's (10), 2 to 3.45 only; St. Stephen's (6), 2 to 3.45 and in the evening; St. Michael's (6), 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; Hatfield bells (10) available from 11 a.m. to 12.30 and in the evening if required.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead. 3212

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Beighton (6), April 3rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 3217

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone, April 3rd. Bells (2) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. 3238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Walthamstow, Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing, St. Saviour's (8) from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) after meeting.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3237

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's Church (8), April 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 3240

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Tutbury (6), Saturday, April 3rd. Service 4.15 p.m., ringing afterwards. — J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 3262

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Combined practice and social evening afterwards at Ash (6) on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Social 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Admission to social in Victoria Hall, Ash, is 2s. Proceeds in aid of the Ash Bell Fund. £1,000 is needed. Will you help us and buy a ticket or send a donation? Please send to G. S. Joyce, District Sec., 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3251

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Silverton, April 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 3255

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A meeting specially for the benefit of five-bell ringers has been arranged at Whepstead, near Bury St. Edmunds, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 3272

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, April 3rd, not St. Peter's as previously advertised.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3284

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General Body.—Monday, April 5th, 7.15 p.m. at St. Mary's, Lambeth, practice meeting. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3270

CHISLEHURST, ST. NICHOLAS'.—Weekly practice changed to Wednesday on and from April 7th, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Sundays 5.45 p.m. (alight at Chislehurst War Memorial). 3235

LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting at Bolsover, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Please notify for tea by April 6th Arthur R. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton. 3230

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Wombourn, April 10th. Bells 3. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4. Service 5.30. Replies by Monday, April 5th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 3218

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, Wymondham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage Room. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 6th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 3223

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting, St. Osyth (6) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 3 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by April 7th, please. — H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3225

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on April 10th. Bells ready at 10.30 a.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 at 4s. 6d. each. Names to Mr. Ivan Kay, 69, Fir Tree Lane, Bardsley, Ashton-u-Lyne, before April 7th. Limit 100.—W. H. Shuker. T. Wilson, Hon. Secretaries. 3236

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, April 10th, St. Mary's, Battersea. Ringing 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 7.30. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3271

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Caythorpe (8), April 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. No names, no tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 3268

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Leigh-on-Mendip, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by April 7th to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 3256

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Arundel, April 10th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please. Rockwell Green bells after meeting.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 3253

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, April 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The George and Dragon. Names for tea to the Hon. Sec. by Monday, April 5th. Horbling bells available during evening.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 3259

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Great Shefford (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by April 7th to Rev. C. E. Seamer, Great Shefford Rectory, Newbury. 3273

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Chislehurst, April 10th. Bells available Eltham Parish Church 1.15 to 2.30; Chislehurst, Annunciation, 2.30 to 4.15; St. Nicholas', 6.30 to 8 p.m.; and Sidcup, 7.30 to 8.45. Service at Annunciation 4.15, followed by tea and business. Tea applications must reach Frank Knight, 4, Cambray Road, Orpington, by April 6th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 3245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Wenden (6), Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 7th, please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3239

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Barford St. Martin, April 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by April 7th to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 3243

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, April 10th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3275

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Lymm, April 10th. Advise J. Thomason, 41, Barsbank Lane, Lymm, if requiring tea by 7th.—Jn. E. Ashcroft, Sec. 3282

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wortley, near Sheffield, April 10th, 3 p.m. Bring food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3283

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), April 10th. Tea 5 p.m. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 3281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill, Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3280

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Hurworth, April 10th, 2.30. Names for tea by April 8th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 3278

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. James', Sutton-in-Holderness, April 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) only those who notify first post Thursday, April 8th, Mr. C. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 3285

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Rose. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3287

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Maulden, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Radishes with tea at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3288

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify by 7th Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Burgess Hill. 3294

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3300

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Husbands Bosworth and Theddingworth, April 10th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5, the Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen. 3299

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Rothley (6), April 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Vicarage, 5. Own food.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 3298

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Barwell (8), April 10th, at 3. Names for tea by 18th to C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leics. 3293

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 10th, 3. Tea, Dorset Arms, 5. Names to Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 3297

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—Next meeting, Harlington, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Nelhams, School House, High Street, Harlington, by April 7th.—F. A. Finch.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, April 17th. Clerkenwell, Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 2.30, Clerkenwell also after meeting. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30. Names for tea before April 14th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general, East Retford, Saturday, April 17th. Bells (10) 2.30. West Retford (8) and Ordsall (6) also available. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Ebsworth Hall. Names to Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by April 14th.—T. Groombridge, jun. 3301

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 3257

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Lutterworth (8), Saturday, April 10th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Denbigh Arms 5. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, April 7th. All ringers very welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Tuddenham, April 17th. Bells 2.45. Buses from Ipswich 2.20-3.45. Tea 5. Bring own food to be pooled. Cups of tea at small charge. Rushmere bells 7 to 9.—Edward G. Ellenger, District Sec. 3261

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Downham (6), Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3019

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting, Standon, April 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 13th, please, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3267

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those who require tea must inform Miss D. M. Jenner, c/o Vye and Son, High Street, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Saturday, April 10th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. District Sec. 3274

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea (limited to 60), Duke's Head, 4.45. Meeting, Poplar Road School, 5.45. Names for tea to Mr. George Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by April 14th.—C. de Ste C. Parks. Hon. Sec. 3295

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton (6), Saturday, April 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 15th to T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans, Herts. 3292

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley, Oxon (6 bells), April 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by April 13th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame. 3286

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Slough, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Henley, Oaklands, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks, by the 19th. Non-members welcomed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 3291

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Another quarter century. The 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Lunch and tea. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. Secretary 3215

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practices, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, first Wednesday each month; St. Stephen's, Hampstead, second and fourth Wednesday, all 6.30 to 8 p.m.; Chislehurst (St. Nicholas'), last Wednesday each month, 7.30 to 9 p.m. (not Tuesday as previously advertised). Annual dinner, October 9th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton. 3302

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DUBLIN DEFERRED

THE Central Council will not this year have to consider the question of accepting an invitation to visit Dublin at Whitsun, 1949. Mr. Geo. W. Fletcher has received the following letter from Mr. F. W. Dukes, the hon. secretary of the Irish Association :—

'The question of issuing an official invitation to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to hold its meeting in Dublin in 1949 was considered at our annual meeting in Dublin yesterday. The general opinion was that we would very much like to have you, and we can assure you that a real Irish welcome awaits the Council should it ever decide to come here.

'Consideration, however, was given to the views expressed in your letter and "Ringing World," also to the present economical state, and information which has come to hand within the past few weeks about hotel accommodation and bell facilities. None of the reasonable and suitable hotels to which enquiries were sent could accommodate your party at Whitsun, 1949, or provide the use of rooms for committees and social intercourse, which would therefore necessitate reserving accommodation in the more expensive hotels, thus making your expenses excessive. It has also now been ascertained that only three rings of bells would probably be available in Dublin vicinity. The other three would be either under general repairs or out of action.

'We therefore decided to take the initiative and to ask the Council to defer consideration of the proposed visit to Dublin for economic reasons until such time as conditions are more favourable. It is with regret that we decided this course, but felt that in view of the doubts it would be better to be "sure than sorry" !'

The wisdom of the Irish Association is to be commended. To function successfully meetings of the Central Council must be fully representative of the Guilds and Associations, and the factor of cost is very real with most members of the Exercise. From what we have heard there was not unanimity for crossing the Irish Sea. The Council will have before it another choice. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at their meeting on Easter Monday decided to send an invitation to visit Cheltenham, which, as we pointed out last week, has good ringing facilities and the amenities for a successful conference.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
HERBERT C. SPENCER	6	JOHN S. MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	†HERBERT KNIGHT	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
HOWARD HOWELL	3	‡ERIC E. SPEAKE	9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON	4	‡ALAN F. THIRST	10
BARNABAS G. KEY	5	HARRY BOSWELL	11
GEORGE E. OLIVER	6	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Maximus. First peal of Little Bob Maximus in the county, by all the band and for the Society. Tenor 33 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5112 CHANGES;
Tenor 31½ cwt.

*SYDNEY HOPPER	*Treble*	PAUL LEA TAYLOR	6
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	†LEONARD HALL	7
JOHN GRUNDY	3	HORACE E. STUBBS	8
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT	4	COLIN HARRISON	9
LESLIE W. STEVENS	5	WILLIAM HICKMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. STEVENS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal on ten as conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LAMB	6
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	†EDWARD J. BOFFEY	7
*HERBERT EDGE	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	8
WILFRED KERR	4	GEORGE A. PACKER	9
RICHARD T. HOLDING	5	J. WILLIAM EDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells. First on ten as conductor.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;
Tenor 31½ cwt.

MISS M. ROWLAND	*Treble*	ERIC A. DENCH	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	8
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	9
RALPH HARRIS	5	ROBERT A. GEDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	*GEORGE CURTIS	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	†JAMES BRENT	6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	4	JOHN GILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

FREDK. RIDGWELL	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	MISS H. G. SNOWDEN	7
*JOHN A. WARNER	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
* First peal.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

ALAN WHITE	*Treble*	ROY WEBB	5
*ALAN CULL	2	EDGAR W. WINTERS	6
CHARLES F. SAYER	3	FRANK W. CROFT	7
DONALD C. MEARS	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Shipway's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.

*ERIC SMITH	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
WILFRED YOUNG	3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	7
†STANLEY GILBERT	4	HERBERT FIELDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Vicars'. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD E. CLIFTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. CROSS	5
*JAMES W. BARBER	2	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	†GEORGE F. BURTON	7
EDMUND E. PEARSON	4	*LESLIE G. WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT H. ALEXANDER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*JAMES W. EDEN	*Treble*	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	6
†WALTER J. LEMON	3	FREDERICK A. COLEY	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.
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Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE PIPER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN E. PENNELLS ...	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	JOHN A. DOWNING ...	6
ALBERT A. EASTON ...	3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ...	7
SYDNEY C. DRIVER... ...	4	WILLIAM LEVETT ...	...*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	...*Treble*	*GORDON BENFIELD ...	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ...	2	HARRY DAVISON	6
FREDERICK SEAGER ...	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	...*Treble*	*MARK W. MARSHALL ...	5
WILFRED W. RING ...	2	*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD	6
PERCY PAGE	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD...	7
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Little Bob.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	...*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
C. ERNEST SMITH ...	2	‡T. MARK WHITE	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
†ERIC T. LEE	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Superlative 'inside.'
‡ First peal of Surprise.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*PETER CHILDS ...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR EDWARDS ...	5
ARTHUR HUBBLE	2	HARRY W. SHADRACK ...	6
HERBERT DEVENISH ...	3	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD...	7
REGINALD C. THRIFT ...	4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. ROSTRON. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MERRITT ...	...*Treble*	AUBREY MILLS	5
*JOHN W. MEADE	2	HAROLD A. NOBES ...	6
HAZEL DALE	3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	7
†FREDERICK BISHOP ...	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK WARRINGTON. Conducted by W. A. THEOBALD.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ERNEST J. GOWER ...	...*Treble*	ERIC BRUNTON	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS...	7
CHARLES BLAKEY	4	*JACK CLEGG	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

URCHFONT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

JACK MUSSELL ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE A. PAGE	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	E. PETER ROCK	6
JOHN HARTLESS	3	LEONARD HARRIS	7
RONALD MARLOW	4	EDWARD J. DOEL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

SYDNEY SLOUGH, JUN.	...*Treble*	JAMES A. MILNER	5
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	2	JOHN WORTH	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30¼ cwt.

*MRS. NORA WALL	...*Treble*	F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ...	5
THOMAS D. LEASKE ...	2	ERNEST THORLEY	6
JAMES THORLEY	3	†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	4	ERNEST J. PADGETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.
* First lady to ring a peal in this tower. † 50th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

*NEIL ADAMS	...*Treble*	*JACK W. DREW	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	HENRY G. KEELEY ...	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	3	WILLIAM GIGG	7
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL	4	STAFFORD GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to ringers of tenor and 4th.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 1[illegible] cwt.

*MISS GWEN RUSBY	...*Treble*	FRED JEFFERY	5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ...	2	GEORGE W. MOODY ...	6
*JACK PARKER	3	ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
JACK BRAY	4	PHILIP BARNES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

PALMER WHITTELL	...*Treble*	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	5
JAMES ROSE	2	KEITH WHITTELL	6
R. JOHN MUNNINGS ...	3	CLAUD WOODWARD ...	7
ERNEST BLOMFIELD ...	4	SIDNEY ARBON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST BLOMFIELD.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GILBERT E. PLATER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS...	5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ...	2	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY...	6
*MISS HILDA OAKSHETT	3	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	4	*JOHN PHILLIPS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Vincent A. Hemming	*Treble*	*Arthur D. Cook	5
John Pinfold	2	*Edward T. Lloyd	6
R. Thomas Newman	3	Edgar C. Shepherd	7
Albert Walker	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 15, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook	*Treble*	Reginald W. Worral	5
*Harry W. Howard	2	Harry Parker	6
Cyril Valentine	3	Walter Allman	7
John E. Bibby	4	Cecil Raddon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Allman.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Mar. 18, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*Arthur T. Dutton	*Treble*	*Aubrey M. Pickering	5
†Allan Ellsmore	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
James S. Eastwood	3	Howard Howell	7
Geo. F. Swann	4	*Henry E. Green	*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Swann.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. The conductor's 400th peal of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Mar. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Edward T. Lloyd	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	*Arthur D. Cook	6
John Pinfold	3	Paul K. Williamson	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

Herbert E. Audsley	*Treble*	*Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Edgar R. Rapley	2	Harry Hoverd	6
James Bennett	3	Fredk. J. Cullum	7
Edwin A. Barnett	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Oliver Sippetts	*Treble*	Walter Claydon	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	Harold A. May	6
William J. Robinson	3	Alfred J. Bull	7
Kenneth Snelling	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

WILLESDEN, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	Fredk. W. Brinklow	5
Alick Cutler	2	†Peter N. Bond	6
*Maurice F. R. Hibbert	3	Eric B. Hartley	7
Patricia Holmes	4	Harold G. Cashmore	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
* 350th peal, also 200th Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Charles J. Hart	*Treble*	*Arthur F. Richardson	5
Arthur F. Lewry	2	Frederick Miles	6
Albert Relfe	3	Wm. A. Kitchenside	7
†Peter J. Ostley	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Arthur F. Lewry.
* First peal of Major. † First peal, aged 15 years. The conductor's 100th peal. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*John Lunham	*Treble*	*Tom Marshall	5
John Booth	2	*Ronald Kenrick	6
Norman Heaps	3	*Arthur Mawdesley	7
*Thomas Horridge	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Ernest H. Simpson	*Treble*	William Barton	5
William H. Senior	2	Alfred Smith	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	William Ambler	7
Frederick Seager	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
First peal of Superlative on the bells. Composition contains the 30 course ends with the maximum number of bobs before (17).

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Aidan,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Harold Nunn	*Treble*	Edward Hudson	5
Mrs. Laura Warrior	2	Thomas Cooke	6
Elizabeth Longstaff	3	Thomas Wm. Dobson	7
†Geoffrey Dalton	4	Lucian Venus	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Wm. Dobson.
* First peal. † First peal for the Association. A tribute to the treble ringer on attaining his majority.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

Joseph Saxton	*Treble*	Gordon C. Briggs	5
Harold Jackson	2	Cyril Wright	6
John W. Sykes	3	Frederick A. Adams	7
*Dennis A. Smedley	4	George L. Chambers	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Gordon C. Briggs.
* First peal.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb. in F.

George W. Howlett	*Treble*	Henry Tooke	5
W. Archie Lock	2	Eric G. Bennett	6
Nolan Golden	3	George Sayer	7
Frederick J. Roope	4	Ernest Whiting	*Tenor*

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Kathleen Stevens	*Treble*	Aubrey D. Mills	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	*Albert H. Bennett	6
*William A. Richardson	3	John G. Ames	7
†Frank Taylor	4	*Thos. H. Charlton	*Tenor*

Conducted by John G. Ames.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. COLLIS ...*Treble*	†RONALD C. NOON 4
JOHN KING 2	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 5
*MISS ENID WALKLATE ... 3	*GEORGE CARE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

LAWRENCE POPE ... ...*Treble*	MALCOLM CLOKE 4
*RUTH LENEY 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 5
HELEN GORRINGE ... 3	GEOFFREY WATERS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY WATERS.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

*MISS M. A. PAWLEY ...*Treble*	*CECIL E. CARR 4
*JOHN R. FLINT 2	WILLIAM R. DRURY ... 5
*J. ANTHONY FLINT ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Minor.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... ...*Treble*	*CYRIL BYARD 3
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE... 4

WILLIAM H. DEACON ... *Tenor*
* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

CADOXTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York, London and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ...*Treble*	ARTHUR HOARE 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

First peal in seven methods of Surprise by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Also the first in seven Treble Bob methods by the Association.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO *Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH 4
CHARLES F. GOODMAN... 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK 5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS... 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC G. BENNETT.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ...*Treble*	*MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD... 4
*JOHN BRAMLEY 2	*ALAN CATTELL 5
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal in more than one Minor method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Francis Brotherton has completed the circle of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. The peal on March 20th was a compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, who has completed 50 years as conductor in this tower.

The peal of Little Bob at Wye was a farewell to Mr. R. J. Lancefield, who is leaving for service in the R.A.F.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden has now 'circled' the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking, and Mr. H. W. Barrett Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford.

There were five firsts of Superlative in the peal at Douglas-in-Parbold, Lancs, on March 20th. The peal was a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. H. Marshall, donor of the second bell.

Comment in a Sussex weekly on a peal of Cambridge: 'Chain ringing at Crawley Parish Church on Saturday afternoons does not appeal to everyone.' We suppose Oliver had with him his chain gang!

A gallant attempt for a peal of Bob Major at Sherborne Abbey on Easter Monday came to grief 3½ courses from home due to the tenor-man having to give in. This was a second start, 'Stand' being called in the fifth course due to the tenor rope starting to pull out at the tuck. The band was J. Mussel, H. Abrahams, H. Keely, W. A. Theobald (conductor), L. Harris, C. W. Powell, F. W. Burnett and F. Harris.

Born at Ewhurst, Surrey, where he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor on his 10th birthday, Mr. R. Whittington on his 80th birthday rang the same bell to 1,260 Grandsire Triples on March 18th. The company was W. Denver 1, Miss B. Moore 2, R. Whittington 3, A. Tidy 4, L. Warner 5, C. Stephens 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, J. Bourrel 8. First 'inside' for 2 and 4. Few others can claim 70 years of active ringing.

Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert completed his 350th peal at Willesden. The list contains the greatest number of methods, or extensions of methods (81), yet rung on tower bells. Congratulations!

At Loughborough a local band has rung a peal of Grandsire Caters. The last was more than 20 years ago.

Ashton, Northamptonshire, where a peal has been scored at the third attempt, has a 'saddle back' (house top) tower with a ring of five hung in an anti-clockwise circle. Is it unique?

The peal of Double Norwich at Bromley on March 13th was for the golden wedding of the parents of Mr. S. J. Humphrey, who were married at that church.

To the memory of Mr. Walter Franks, a ringer at St. Mary's, Battle, for 50 years, a tree was planted in the churchyard on March 21st. An in memoriam peal was rung the previous day.

Two weddings were commemorated by the peal at Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs, on March 18th. Mr. R. Tyler, a ringer in the local tower, and Miss Ann Hall, and Mr. J. W. Todd and Miss Ivy Foster, both ringers at St. John's, Blackpool.

The Editor was intrigued to receive one Guild meeting report written in shorthand. It has been duly transcribed. For the guidance of would-be imitators, we are asked to state that he only dabbles in Pitman's.

A Birmingham band, conducted by Mr. Albert Walker, rang a fine peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on March 20th, which was listened to by a large crowd of ringers attending the College Youths meeting. Mr. Tom Reeves was absent through a chill, and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, who is Birmingham born, deputised for him.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

First Annual at Dartford ..... One Thousand Members Objective ..... Peal Ringing Review ..... Central Council Change

FOR the first time the Kent County Association held their annual meeting—the 68th—at Dartford on Easter Monday. The visit was the outcome of the pressing invitation and work of Mr. James E. Bailey. Unfortunately he is on a bed of sickness. A resolution expressing the good wishes of the meeting was passed, and this was conveyed to him personally by two of the members, who left to visit him immediately after the business terminated.

An attendance of about 200 was noted at the Association service in Dartford Parish Church, conducted by Canon Elliott Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford. In his welcome he congratulated the ringers on their singing—the best congregational effort he had heard for many years. Lunch was served from two halls, the Vicar attending.

Mr. John Willis was voted to the chair for the business meeting and expeditiously handled the long agenda.

The list of apologies read by the hon. secretary (Mr. George H. Spice) included Mr. J. E. Bailey and Mr. E. S. Ruck, the sole surviving founder member of the Association, who in his letter recalled the first dinner in 1882 (when beer was 2d. a pint and a big lump of bread and cheese cost 2d.); Mr. E. H. Lewis, a vice-president, and Mr. Fred White.

The hon. secretary presented the committee's report, which stated that in the midst of all the confusion, austerity and uncertainty of the present time, the Association plodded along in quiet confidence, making progress, not very rapid, perhaps, but nevertheless very real and true.

'Conditions in almost all walks of life are fast changing. Be that as it may, we are proud of our calling and shall keep the bells of our churches pealing out their message Sunday by Sunday; and those who get joy from peal ringing, let them carry on with the good work, for good work it is if the striking is such as to give joy to the listening public, who, it must always be borne in mind, are quite justified in passing such comments as the performance deserves.'

An increase in practising membership was reported with a total of 903, including 75 juveniles, compared with 747 in 1946. New practising members enrolled during the year totalled 173, being 129 adults and 44 juveniles, made up as follows: Ashford district, 12 adults; Canterbury, 58 adults, 21 juveniles; Lewisham, 19 and 12; Maidstone, 14 and 7; Rochester, 12 and 4; Tonbridge, 14.

DEATHS.

The meeting stood in remembrance of the following: Canon G. C. E. Ryles, F. Woolway (captain of the Ightham band), W. Cullen (former captain of the Wrotham band); C. Tumber (captain of the Teynham band), E. Leigh (Edenbridge), Mrs. Beer (Gravesend) and Mrs. Farnsworth (Faversham).

Non-resident life members mentioned were the Rev. E. Bankes James, F. S. Bayley, Keith Hart, George W. Foster, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Rupert Richardson and J. Armiger Trollope.

CHANGES IN OFFICERS.

In the Ashford district, Mr. Tom Cullingworth had taken over the secretaryship in place of Mr. Percy Page, now one of the representatives for that district. In the Maidstone district, Mr. Waddington had succeeded Mr. C. Sone as co-representative with Mr. Cantrill. Mr. Ted Ruck, of Willesborough, and Mr. Charles Sone, of Linton, had been elected vice-presidents of the Association in recognition of their long and faithful service.

The Committee of Management had decided to meet the cost, not exceeding 10 gns., for renovating the Barham tombstone in Leeds Churchyard; to grant £10 towards the cost of retuning Wateringbury bells; £10 towards renovating the bells of St. John's, Sidcup; to create a new office of peal secretary; to appoint a sub-committee to deal with the proposed war record of Kent towers, bells and ringers, 1939-45; in future to record in the annual report the figures of all first performances on all numbers of bells.

Regarding the war record, a London firm of printers had offered to undertake the production of 750 booklets, which would enable them being sold at about 3s. 6d. per copy. At this figure expenses of production would be met.

The report concluded with the offer of congratulations to Mr. E. Barnett on completing 50 years' membership of the Association; he was still an active ringer and committeeman.

The report was adopted and the chairman extended a special welcome to Mr. T. Groombridge, sen.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell presented the treasurer's statement. The general account showed a balance of £81 19s. 2d., against £109 16s. 6d. at the beginning of the year, which, he said, was due to the expenses of the annual meeting of £92 6s. 7d., against members' subscriptions of £87 0s. 6d. The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £426 0s. 4d., including £31 15s. 7d. on the Helmore Memorial Fund. Eight grants had been made, totalling £34 9s. The balance on the Belfry Repair Fund was £226 17s. 1d. From this fund grants had been made of £5 to St. George's, Beckenham, and £25 to Canterbury Cathedral. Total assets were £1,214 9s. 9d.

PEAL RINGING.

The acting peal secretary (Mr. P. A. Corby) reported 136 peals during 1947, an increase of 11 on 1946. This improvement was attained in spite of the boost of a peal ringing tour in the county in the earlier year. This was only 15 short of the 1938 figure. The peals fell into 43 categories, against 30 categories in 1938. Fresh performances included the first peal ever rung of Eardley Surprise Major and the first for the Association of Belgrave and Belvedere Surprise Major.

There were 41 first peals, a highly gratifying increase, both on the rather poor total of 16 in 1946 and 24 of 1938.

Two peals, both of Grandsire Triples, called for special comment. At Aylesford on January 11th the Maidstone district secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, called the first peal there by a local band since 1891. Not only was this Dr. Hatcher's first peal as conductor, but there were no fewer than five first peals and one first on a working bell. At Birchington on the Royal Wedding Day there were six first peals, including the conductor, Mr. Jack Russell. This was the more remarkable as the composition was Davies' five-part, which is not particularly easy for a first effort.

There were 40 conductors in 1947 against only 35 in 1946, but they were still short of the 1938 figure of 50. This was disappointing, they hoped that many more would-be conductors would take the plunge in 1948. Mr. E. A. Barnett was to be congratulated on heading the list for the first time with a handsome total of 16, scored in a notable variety of methods from Bob Major to Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. Mr. A. J. Lancefield had proved a worthy runner-up with 14.

Of the 219 towers with five or more bells, peals were rung in 65 as follows: Ashford district, 27 in 18 towers; Canterbury, 11 in 10; Lewisham, 46 in 8; Maidstone, 17 in 10; Rochester, 18 in 10; Tonbridge, 8 in 8. One peal was rung in Sussex and eight were rung 'in hand.'

In addition to the peals rung by the Association, the following were rung in the county by other associations: Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 4, Universities' Association 2, University of London Society 2, Ancient Society of College Youths, East Grinstead and District Guild and Hawkhurst and District Guild 1 each. They had once more secured their premier position on the Central Council's list, which they lost in 1939.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The officers were re-elected. Mr. George H. Spice, in acknowledging his re-election, thanked the district secretaries for their assistance and said it was pleasing to know that some towers had come back into union with the Association. They hoped to pass the 1,000 membership mark during the coming year. The next report would be a combined report for two years. They hoped to bring the 1947 portion up to date regarding tower practice nights and other details for which he asked for the co-operation of tower secretaries.

Mr. Spice also referred to the services of Mr. Alfred Hill, district secretary of the Lewisham district, in making arrangements for the meeting, and Mr. R. Jenkins for his work. He also extended the good wishes of the meeting to Mr. Jack Weedon, who celebrated his golden wedding in February to Mr. Charles Belsey, of Rainham, who had been captain for 52 years, and celebrated his diamond wedding on Wednesday, and Mr. Tom Jull, of Rochester, on his 75th birthday.

Mr. P. A. Corby was elected peal secretary.

Voting by show of hands for the election of four representatives on the Central Council resulted as follows: Mr. F. Mitchell 90, Mr. George Spice 87, Dr. Hatcher 60, Mr. T. Sone 56, Mr. E. A. Barnett 50. (Dr. Hatcher replaces Mr. E. A. Barnett, a former member of the Council.)

The following non-resident members were elected: Miss E. K. Fulton (Stanmore), Messrs. P. D. Beedie, H. G. Hart, W. Wenban and Ralph E. W. Wenban (Harrow Weald), T. J. Clark (Bushey).

Mr. Brett-Smith raised the question of increasing the annual subscription from 2s. to 3s.

Mr. George Cross thought that with assets amounting to £1,200 there was no need for such a step.

Mr. E. Barnett suggested that the matter should be deferred until next November.

The Chairman advised that the matter be left to the committee. Any change in subscription would mean an alteration in the rules and due notice would have to be given.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the expeditious manner he tackled a long agenda.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

An unusual procedure took place at the service in connection with the quarterly meeting of the Guild at St. Mary's, Haverfordwest, on March 13th. The organist, Mr. Rogers, opened the service by playing the first lead of Treble Bob Major on the organ. The Vicar (the Rev. Hugh Rees) officiated at the service and afterwards conducted the ringers round the church and explained the carvings and effigies.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Forthcoming events announced were the annual competition of the Guild at Llandovery on May 1st; annual festival at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 12th, at which the Archbishop of Wales, who is president of the Guild, will officiate; and the next quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Tenby, on September 11th.

Five new ringing members and two honorary members were elected. The question of badges for members was discussed, and the chairman announced that he would raise the necessary sum required. This promise was greatly appreciated by the members.

Mr. D. H. Betts, who is compiling the year book of the Guild, hoped to have the books ready by the annual festival. A collection taken for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 13s. 4d.

LETTERS

Three Questions

AND A HOMILY ON SARCASM.

Dear Sir,—I always think it a very great pity when sarcasm creeps into criticism of the happenings of, not only our Exercise, but of anything else for that matter. Criticise, certainly, if we don't agree with it, but let it be constructive not just destructive, which is all that being sarcastic amounts to. It is especially sad when one finds this weapon being used by those who are among the accepted leaders of our art against their lesser brethren. Is that the way to help and encourage? Most certainly not, for nothing is more calculated to put the other person's back up and to make him persist in his error (if error it be). However, as one who is honestly trying to keep an open mind about things in general since I have so much to learn, may I ask the following questions, which I hope will be answered in the same honest spirit by someone?

(a) What is the objection to a 4ths place bob in Double Norwich if it is allowed in other methods?

(b) What is the objection to a Single in Treble Bob hunt methods, when it is allowed (but is not always necessary) in plain hunt methods? (It is interesting to note that at one time the greatest length of Kent Major, 9,120 changes, was brought round with a single!)

(c) What would be the objection to a 6ths place bob in Cambridge Major, especially as 6,400 changes are possible without parting the tenors if this is done? (Mr. B. Price has composed such a peal.)

As I have had previous occasion to emphasise, surely the first consideration is the truth of the changes. In ringing any method, the bells have to be placed in a different position by the use of bobs and singles to prevent repetition. Does it matter whether this is done by making 4ths or 6ths or any other place for that matter? I don't think so. However, as I said above, I am open to be convinced that it does matter. If it does, I hope someone will kindly give me the reason. — Yours sincerely, K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

PEALS AT CHOBHAM

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Collins regarding peals at Chobham, I can assure him that several peals have been rung on the bells since they were made an octave in 1892. On October 22nd, 1910, I called a peal of Stedman Triples there to oblige the late Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, and all the band, excepting myself, have passed on. Another peal, Grandsire Triples, was on November 29th, 1919, when my brother, Ferris J. Shepherd, called Holt's Original.

Mr. Collins will forgive me if I point out that the bells were increased from five to six in 1880, and from six to eight in 1892.

Addlestone. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

NOTE.—We also thank Mr. G. R. Newton and other readers for replies.—Editor.

EATON-SOCON PEAL

Dear Sir,—Please do not record the peal of Minor rung at Eaton-Socon on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1948, labelled the Ely and Bedfordshire Associations as a Bedfordshire peal as only three of the ringers belong to this Association. The three other ringers are members of the Ely Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,

F. J. PLUMMER, Hon. Sec.,
Bedfordshire Association.

Mr. P. Amos writes to rebut the claim of Mr. Eric Nobles to have rung the first peal at Alderton, Northamptonshire. The claim is 46 years late, he writes. 'I have records of a peal rung there in 1902, in which the late William Rogers, of St. Giles', Northampton, took part. And who is to prove that even the 1902 peal was the first? Before 1935 these five went anti-clockwise.'

QUARTER PEALS

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples:— G. Smerdon (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, M. Layton 3, H. N. Pitstow 4, H. Smerdon 5, A. E. Checsman 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, E. T. Woolloff 8.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): B. Cavill 1, R. Winter 2, B. Holt 3, C. Thomas 4, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 5, R. Stone 6, F. Phillips 7, Reg. Stone 8. First quarter by 1, 4, 6 and 7. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): F. Phillips 1, H. Commins 2, R. Winter (first as conductor, age 16) 3, S. Bye 4, C. W. J. Tarr 5, A. Knight 6, J. Villis 7, R. Stone 8. First quarter by 1, 6 and 7.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, R. H. Corderoy (first quarter) 3, A. R. Greenough 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On March 14th, at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Newman (first quarter) 1, G. Wiggens 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. Whitehead 4, F. Bennett (cond.) 5, G. Ades 6, H. Stalham 7, F. Pullman 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At S. Peter's on March 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Woolven (first of Major) 1, J. A. Smith 2, A. W. Gravett 3, G. Ades 4, M. J. Frewer 5, A. W. Bond 6, R. G. Cross (cond.) 7, W. C. Hart 8.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. James, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Rawlings 1, C. Rawlings 2, Mary P. Hilliar 3, A. Pearce 4, G. Pearce 5, L. Pearce (cond.) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, A. Bennett 8. First in method for 2, 6 and 7.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On March 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tribbles (first quarter) 1, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, J. Hope 4, H. L. Cooke 5, V. R. Williams 6, W. H. Hayward 7, R. R. Wallis 8. In memoriam J. T. Tyrrell.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Elliott 1, Miss E. Fletcher 2, J. Halls 3, E. T. Allaway 4, J. E. Eaton 5, H. Withers (cond.) 6, J. E. Lindon 7, E. Fletcher 8. First of Stedman 1 and 2.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On March 21st, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: Tony Price (cond.) 1, Miss Beryl J. Denton (first 'inside') 2, W. Sparrow 3, H. J. Eldred 4, F. Blondell 5, G. W. Morris 6, G. Dodds 7, R. E. Price 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — On March 22nd, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, I. D. Halls 3, P. J. Eves (first in method) 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT. — On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (1 and 3 in front): R. Green 1, Miss A. Woods 2, G. Ealding 3, Miss H. Gorringe 4, W. Gorringe 5, A. Kemp 6, L. Pope (cond.) 7, M. Cloke 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX. — On March 14th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. John Piper (first quarter, age 13) 1, Michael G. Collins (13) 2, Wm. M. Stepney (13) 3, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (14) (first as cond.) 4, F. H. Hicks 5, A. Ellis 6.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTER. — On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Boulton (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Webster 2, Ivor Goulter 3, Miss P. Boulton (first 'inside') 4, I. M. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. E. Taylor 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On March 20th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. Charge 1, J. G. Nash 2, C. W. Ottley 3, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. H. Begrie (first in the method) 6, T. W. Taffender 7, J. Bullock 8.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—At St. Mary's on March 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: T. Needham 1, Miss D. Templeman (first of Major) 2, C. J. Baker 3, F. Tarlton 4, E. C. Gobey (cond.) 5, F. Shaw 6, F. George 7, D. Anstey 8. First quarter for 1 and 4.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On March 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Eileen D. Farrell 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Sheila E. Harris 4, Squire Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First of Kent Treble Bob by 4 and 7.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET. — On March 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 720 Plain Bob): E. J. Fry 1, A. G. Williams 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, E. Connock 4, G. Pomeroy 5, R. O. Fry (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods by all the band.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On March 21st, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Sunerlative Surprise Major: S. Croft 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, C. Sharples 3, C. H. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, C. W. Ottley 6, H. W. Rogers 7, J. Bullock 8. First in method 4 and 7.

LEICESTER. — On March 7th at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on heavy 8): Margaret L. Morris 1, J. Morris 2, E. Norman 3, E. Morris 4, Mavis A. Whitehead 5, J. Bramley 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, C. Walker 8.

LEICESTER.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples at St. John-the-Divine's: J. Hill 1, S. Harrison 2, W. H. Clarke 3, J. Ward 4, T. Bennett 5, J. Bramley 6, G. Olliffe (cond.) 7, E. Pulley (first quarter) 8. A farewell to E. Pulley, a German P.O.W.

LEIGH, GLOS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. Poulton 1, T. C. Arkell 2, I. Goulter (cond.) 3, S. J. Hughes 4, W. H. Poulton 5, F. Palfrey 6.

LONDON.—At St. George's-in-the-Borough on March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Harris (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. Rawlings 2, Mrs. Bagworth 3, Mrs. Matthews 4, Mrs. Deal 5, Mrs. Davis 6, Miss D. E. Lidbeter (cond.) 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8. For the Ladies' Guild (Central District).

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss Maundrell 2, Ernest Brooks 3, L. A. Wilson (cond.) 4, H. L. Parsons 5, F. Godwin 6. First quarter 3 and 6. A 72nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

LAMBETH, LONDON. — On March 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Y. Gardner 1, E. T. Chapman 2, Frances Edgar 3, P. R. Layton 4, W. Hardy 5, P. G. Parrott 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church on March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Tutt 1, J. Brierley 2, C. Trist 3, D. Gallop 4, M. Barrow 5, K. Higgins (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 5.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS. — On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Newcombe (first quarter) 1, A. Paul 2, L. Baillon (first 'inside') 3, E. G. Bennett 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. S. Rew (first of Triples) 1, G. W. Sayers 2, C. C. Wright 3, A. J. Garrett 4, A. H. Fisher 5, N. A. Oner 6, E. S. Smith (cond.) 7, R. A. Budd 8.

PRESTON CAPES, NORTHANTS. — On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): R. Fennel 1, F. Hutt (first in two methods) 2, V. Perry 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5.

SWINDON, WILTS. — On March 7th, at Christ Church, 1,275 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardiner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, W. Carter 3, F. J. Daniell 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, G. Wells 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Berry 8, W. W. Daniell 9, E. Vincent 10.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On March 8th, 1,856 Pudsey Surprise Major: D. Harris 1, A. C. Sinfield 2, R. J. Sharp 3, H. Burton 4, C. H. Harding 5, A. Rushton 6, B. Sims 7, C. F. Jeffries (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 6 and 8. First in method by Beds Association.

WOLLASTON, WORCS. — On March 14th, 1,440 (720 each of Beverley and London) Surprise Minor: J. Bass 1, S. G. Thompson 2, C. Richards 3, F. Handley 4, H. V. Cooper (cond.) 5, S. Thompson 6. Also by same company on March 21st, 1,440 (720 each York and Cambridge) Surprise Minor:

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT E. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. FOSTER	4
STEPHEN LAWRENSON ...	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON... ...	5
RUFUS COWELL	3	RALPH TAYLOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DAVID NORTH ...	...*Treble*	HARRY COMMINS	4
DOUGLAS BELLAMY ...	2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ...	5
RAYMOND WINTER ...	3	*STANLEY LOVELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND WINTER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor, age 16.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RAYMOND G. BURTON ...	...*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER...	4
*ALBERT DISERENS ...	2	*REGINALD F. CROOK ...	5
*NOEL J. DISERENS ...	3	REGINALD W. REX ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each differently called. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

STANLEY GILBERT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ...	4
*ERIC SMITH	2	WILFRED C. YOUNG ...	5
†CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conduced by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' † First in seven methods.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	*Treble*	†KENNETH G. SPAVINS...	4
LEONARD A. WILLIAMS...	2	*C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
*RONALD J. SHARP ...	3	‡REGINALD WEST ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.
* 50th peal together. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of a 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

MISS GWEN MURKITT...	*Treble*	GEORGE GILBERT	4
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	5
*DAVID PEARCE	3	FRANK H. HICKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in six methods as conductor.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 29, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Double Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

*THOS. J. SOUTHAM	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON...	3-4
		WALTER AYRE	5-6

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL, 5,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in E.

MISS ANNIE BROWN	1-2	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ...	5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN	3-4	*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ...	7-8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. J. BROWN.
* First peal on handbells.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
IN THE GARDEN OF SUNNY VIEW, WOOD DITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 19 in F.

*MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 21, THE CHINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ROYSTON G. BRYANT ...	1-2	ALBERT M. TYLER	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	DONALD G. CLIFT	7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FRANK W. PERRENS ...	1-2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	5-6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN	7-8

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BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 19, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two extents of Reading, four each of Plain Bob, Old, St. Dunstan's, St. Simon's, April Day, R. Canterbury Pleasure, six of Stedman and ten of Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D.

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INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A proposal that the Central Council be asked to arrange a meeting of the Council at Cheltenham in the near future was passed at the annual meeting of the Association at Cirencester on Easter Monday. About 100 members attended.

The Master, the Rev. Marwood Paterson, presided, and spoke of his association with ringers over the last 25 years. His only wish was that clergy would take more interest in their ringers, as they were part of the church and should be classified as church workers. He had been very pleased to have been elected Master for the past year, but wished to tender his resignation for a more competent man.

The hon. secretary, reporting on a successful year, said membership stood at 861, an increase of 48. The number of affiliated towers was 80, against 46 last year. Forty-two peals had been rung for the Association during the past year and 25 members had scored their first peal.

The hon. treasurer gave his report. The general account showed a slight decrease, chiefly owing to the cost of the annual report.

Elected to serve on the Central Council were Messrs. Kynaston (Swindon), Price (Stonehouse), Skidmore (Bristol) and Williams (Cheltenham). Mr. W. B. Kynaston was unanimously elected Master and Mr. C. R. Harding (Bristol) hon. secretary. Other officers were re-elected. New vice-presidents are Messrs. Dyer (Cheltenham), J. Jefferies (Mangotsfield), P. C. Williams (Portishead) and Oakhill (Wotton-under-Edge).

The next annual meeting was proposed for Easter Monday, 1949, at St. Ambrose's, Bristol.

The service at the Parish Church was conducted by Canon Such, the Bishop of Gloucester giving the address. Speaking of the ringers as privileged persons doing a special job in calling people to worship, the Bishop hoped that after the ringers had called other people to church they would set an example and go themselves.

The Parish Church bells, also Watermoor bells, were again set going after tea, and the opinion of all who attended was that this meeting had been one of the best ever held by the Association.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The branch's quarterly meeting at Durweston on March 13th attracted an attendance of 54. Introduced into the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. R. M. Taylor, were touches on handbells by a team conducted by Mr. E. Coward. The Rector (the Rev. H. L. Bowen) gave the address.

Following tea, the Rev. R. M. Taylor presided at the business meeting. The secretary submitted the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £9 9s. 8d. The appointment of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as Central Council representative was approved. New members elected were Misses B. Lambert and P. Cox, Messrs. A. Gray, H. Fryer, J. Puplett, J. Lodder, R. Helliar and B. Helliar (Thornford), D. Coward, C. Phillips, D. Milne and J. Tasker (Mere).

The sum of one guinea was voted towards renewing Thornford bell ropes. The meeting heard with regret of the illness of Mr. H. G. Rickett, leader of Durweston ringers. Votes of thanks included one to the ladies who had provided the tea.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Placings in the six-bell contest at Kirkburton on March 20th were: 1 Liversedge, 86 faults; 2 Huddersfield, 108; 3 Shelley, 131; 4 Meltham, 236 (including penalties); 5 Friezland, 53 (rang out). The test was 600 changes.

The next contest will be on July 3rd, either at Marsden or Brighouse. Mixed bands, provided they are financial members of the Association, will be eligible to compete.

Leeds & District Society

NOMINATIONS DEFERRED.

The March meeting was held at Christ Church, Armley, on March 20th. The bells were rung up in peal and various methods were rung before the break for tea. Owing to a recital in the nearby Church Hall, ringing had to cease at 7.30 p.m., when the business meeting was held.

Mr. S. H. Barron (vice-president) deputised as chairman for the president, who was unable to be present.

Mr. H. Whitehouse (Armley) was elected a new member. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. F. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. T. Hill.

Owing to the small attendance, nominations for next year's officials were left over until the general meeting at Leeds Parish Church on May 1st. The auditors for this year's accounts, Mr. F. Hutchinson and Mr. J. W. Benten, were elected on the proposition of Mr. S. H. Barron, seconded by Mr. Parkinson.

THE C. T. COLES' MEMORIAL

The C. T. Coles Memorial Committee have decided that the memorial to the late general secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will take the form of a bell to be installed at St. Mary's, Finchley. The existing six bells are to be augmented to eight and appeal is now made for further donations to meet this obligation to defray half of the cost. A further £100 is required, and now that a definite object has been decided upon, it is hoped that Mr. Coles' many friends and admirers throughout the country will wish to be associated with his memorial. St. Mary's, Finchley, was badly damaged by enemy action during the war, and has since raised a large sum of money required to install a new organ. One-half of the amount required for the proposed two new bells has also been raised. Donations should be sent to E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.5.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Corston on March 13th. There were over forty present at the service, and the Rev. J. W. Tunwell, Rector of Corston, gave an excellent address.

At a business meeting after tea, Mrs. H. Knight, vice-chairman, and Miss N. G. Williams, secretary, were re-elected. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Emm were elected as the committee, and Mrs. Evans as representative to the Central Committee. Three new members were elected.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Rector, organist, steeplekeeper, vice-chairman and secretary. Ringing afterwards continued until 7.30.

On holiday during the past week have been the Guild of Clerical Ringers with headquarters at Leicester. The party consisted of the Revs. A. D. H. Allan, J. F. Amies, J. H. B. Andrews, E. G. Benson, H. Benson, P. J. Boulsover, C. Carew Cox (president), Prebendary E. V. Cox, F. Ll. Edwards, R. F. Farrow, K. W. H. Felstead, N. E. Hope, R. H. Palmer, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. J. Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow, W. H. R. Trewhella, W. M. K. Warren, C. Eliot Wigg, Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

LATE NOTICES

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—First quarterly meeting at Coalbrookdale (10), April 17th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 3345

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly, April 17th, Sherborne St. John, 2.30. Tea, The Swan. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by 13th. Bus, Basingstoke, No. 37. 3346

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MARRIAGES

CHEESMAN—ADAMS — On March 27th, 1948, at All Saints', Banstead, by the Rev. Canon F. N. Skene, Vicar, Harry Cheesman and Winifred Mary Adams. Both bride and groom are ringers at Banstead. 3340

CROFT—LYON. — On Saturday, April 3rd, 1948, at the Church of All Saints, Bracebridge, near Lincoln, Kenneth S. B. Croft to Madeline M. Lyon, both of Lincoln. 3341

LEWIS—ELKINS. — On April 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Bowdon, by the Rev. Frank Bonner, Cyril Kenneth, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis, of Marple, to Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Elkins and granddaughter of Mr. Charles Edwards, of Altrincham.—69, Stockport Road, Altrincham. 3337

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage will take place on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Sundridge, between Anthony Harry Allder, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Allder, of Whitby, Cheshire, and Brenda Mary Richardson, eldest daughter of Mrs. Harold Richardson, of Sundridge, Kent. 3303

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX. — Will all ringers please note all communications to this tower should be addressed to Mr. G. W. Gayfer, 19, Cotleigh Road, Romford, Essex. 3308

CORNWALL—TRURO GUILD.—Gen. Sec., Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Crantock Vicarage, Newquay; Master, Mr. W. H. Southeard, Penheard, Bodmin Road, Truro; Peal Sec., Mr. C. E. Lanxon, 7, Tresawls Road, Truro; Penzance Branch Sec. Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay; Truro Branch Sec., Mr. R. G. Clemens, Carnsiddia, Stithians, Truro; S.E. 'Cornwall Branch Sec., Mr. H. J. Clark, Cargreen, Saltash. General welcome to all visitors, and peals arranged as heretofore. 3330

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting, St. Osyth (6) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Wood View, Thorington, Colchester. 3225

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Saturday, April 10th, St. Mary's, Battersea. Ringing 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 7.30. Names for tea, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3271

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough, April 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The George and Dragon. Horbling bells available during evening.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 3259

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chelford (6), April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Teas by own arrangement.—C. Lawton, Hon. Branch Sec. 3314

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Caythorpe (8), April 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 3268

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Great Shefford (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3273

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Chislehurst, April 10th. Bells available Eltham Parish Church 1.15 to 2.30; Chislehurst, Annunciation, 2.30 to 4.15; St. Nicholas', 6.30 to 8 p.m.; and Sidcup, 7.30 to 8.45. Service at Annunciation 4.15, followed by tea and business.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 3245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Wenden (6), Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.20 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3239

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, April 10th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3275

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill, Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3280

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Rose. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted. Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. 3294

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, April 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3300

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 10th, 3. Tea, Dorset Arms, 5. Names to Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham. —C. A. Bassett. 3297

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—Next meeting, Harlington, April 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 3290

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Induction of the Rev. K. Davis as Vicar of Hawley (8) on Saturday, April 10th, at 3 p.m. Service ringing at 2 p.m. and reception at 4 p.m. by invitation. All are welcome at the ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 3339

BARWELL, LEICESTER.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th. Programme as follows: Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 (8 bells). Service 4.30. Tea (Church Institute) 5 p.m. Short concert by the Earl Shilton Male Voice Prize Choir and artistes, 5.30. Business meeting 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. Fine peal of handbells available. Last chance for a good tea, ring Earl Shilton 2114 between 8.30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturday. Regular buses to Leicester, Nuneaton, Coventry, Birmingham. Nearest station, Hinckley.—A. A. Lucas, Tower Secretary. 3319

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general, East Retford, Saturday, April 17th. Bells (10) 2.30. West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) also available. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Ebsworth Hall. Names to Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by April 14th.—T. Groombridge, jun. 3301

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those who require tea must inform Miss D. M. Jenner, c/o Vye and Son, High Street, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Saturday, April 10th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. District Sec. 3274

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, April 17th. Clerkenwell, Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 2.30, Clerkenwell also after meeting. Service, Clerkenwell, 4.30. Names for tea before April 14th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Tuddenham, April 17th. Bells 2.45. Buses from Ipswich 2.20-3.45. Tea 5. Bring own food to be pooled. Cups of tea at small charge. Rushmere bells 7 to 9.—Edward G. Ellenger, District Sec. 3261

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting, Standon, April 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 13th, please, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3267

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Downham (6), Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3019

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea (limited to 60), Duke's Head, 4.45. Meeting, Poplar Road School, 5.45. Names for tea to Mr. George Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by April 14th.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 3295

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Kimpton (6), Saturday, April 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 15th to T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans, Herts. 3292

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Rothersthorpe, April 17th (please note change). Special bus (Webster's) leave Bull and Butcher, Northampton, 2.20 p.m. Names for tea to Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston. 3336

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Fairford, April 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangement Cards for tea by April 12th to Mr. H. R. Acock, Hazelwood, Fairford, Glos. 3335

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, April 17th, SS. James' and Basil's, Newcastle. Bells (8) 2.30. Names for tea to Kenneth Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle, by the 12th.—W. E. Robinson, District Secretary. 3334

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, April 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30 p.m. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3329

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Clevedon, April 17th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Pullin's Resaurant, Hill Road.—Percy Yeo. 3326

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. — Quarterly, St. Benedict's (6), Glastonbury, April 17th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify by Tuesday, 13th, for tea. St. John's (8) available after.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3325

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8), April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify R. I. Shepherd, The Forge, Limes Road, Egham, Surrey, by Wednesday, 14th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Sec., 'phone Emberbrook 4681. 3324

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Woburn (8), Saturday, April 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Hillyard. 3322

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, April 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3321

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Chilvers Coton (10 bells), Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names *must* be sent in by Thursday, 15th.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 'Phone Nuneaton 3296. 3311

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley, Oxon (6 bells), April 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by April 13th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame. 3286

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, April 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at cafe nearby. Names for tea to H. Birchall, 243, Barton Road.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3333

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—The monthly practice for Saturday, April 17th, is cancelled.—P. Newton. 3320

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. —Joint meeting at Matlock (8), April 17th, 2.30 p.m. No tea arranged. Business meeting in belfry 5. 3279

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Haxey on Saturday, April 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 3344

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Prescot, Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Service at 5. Those intending being present kindly notify Mr. W. C. Finney, jun., 89, Derby Street, Prescot.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 3343

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice, Walberton (6), April 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (by 14th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kvoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3313

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6 bells), April 17th, 2.30. Names by 13th for tea.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3315

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting, Bury, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at nearby cafe.—J. Porter, Branch Secretary. 3317

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting at Abbotsbury, April 17th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by April 13th J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 3304

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Meeting at St. Mary's, Bowdon (Altrincham), on April 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (2s. 6d.). Names to Mr. A. R. Elkins, 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire, by April 14th.—Mary Elkins. 3306

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bebington (8), April 17th. Tea provided for those who notify by 14th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3307

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Slough, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Henley, Oaklands, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks, by the 19th. Non-members welcomed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 3291

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY. — Saturday, April 24th. Dinner in Gervis Hall, The Arcade, Bournemouth, 6.45. Tickets 8s. 6d. Coach tours to district towers, leave St. Peter's Hall 12 noon. Tickets 6s. Please apply at once to Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3310

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 24th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. Other towers as usual. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., followed by dedication of the Rupert Richardson Memorial Bell. Tea at Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5.15 p.m., followed by business. Tea only for those who send their names to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. —F. W. Stokes. Hon. Sec. 3342

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 24th. Bells, Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas', from 3 to 4.30. Service, Cathedral Church, 5.30. Meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 6.30. Tea interval 4.30 to 5.15. Make own arrangements. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 3318

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, April 24th. 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to those who notify by Tuesday, Apr. 20.—Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3309

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Marlow, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea not later than April 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3323

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Clare College, 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 28th, members and associates only. Ringing, St. Benet's, 8 p.m. Items for agenda to secretary by Monday, 26th.—E. J. Lindley, Trinity College.

At this meeting we shall propose alteration of the rules as follows: That the words 'gentlemen who are' be inserted before 'members' in rule 2 and 'non-resident graduates' in rule 6; that the words 'otherwise eligible' be substituted for 'members of the University' in rule 8 and a similar alteration in rule 11.—S. E. Darmon (Master), E. J. Lindley. 3316

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A MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING

RINGERS will be interested to hear of an article by Dr. R. A. Rankin (of Clare College, Cambridge) in the issue for January, 1948, of the Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society, entitled 'A Campanological Problem in Group Theory.' Dr. Rankin is not a ringer, but his interest in ringing was aroused by reading 'The Nine Tailors.'

Group Theory is that branch of mathematics which deals with the properties of Groups, a Group being defined as a collection of elements such that if any two elements are combined according to some definite rule, the resulting element is also contained in the same collection or Group. For instance, the finite operations (such as rotation about an axis, reflection across a plane, etc.), which when performed on some symmetrical figure bring that figure into coincidence with itself form a Group, for if any two operations (A and B) are performed successively on the figure, the result is the same as obtained by performing some third operation C. In other words, AB=C. All the permutations of a given number of bells will form a Group, a permutation such as 54231 being regarded *not* as a row of figures, but as an operation—in this case the operation of replacing 1 by 5, 2 by 4, and so on. It is obvious that all the permutations of, say, six bells form a Group, for if—in ringing language—we transpose any change by any other (that is, operate on one permutation with another), the result is a third change or permutation — which by definition must be a member of the Group. Sub-groups—that is, Groups complete in themselves, but part of a larger Group — are formed by all the even permutations on a given number of bells and also by all the odd permutations. There are various other Sub-groups —in particular, Sub-groups formed by the lead-heads or lead-ends of a given method.

Dr. Rankin sets himself the old problem—'Is a peal of Grandsire Triples possible with bobs alone?' In mathematical language, he considers the Group formed by the 360 lead-ends which must appear in a peal of Grandsire Triples, and then postulates two operators P and B, corresponding to Plain and Bobbed leads (i.e., the operations of transposition by 1253746 and 1752634 respectively). The problem is then—'Can the 360 members of this Group be joined together in a "chain" (in ringing parlance a Round Block) by the use of the two operators P and B alone?' The mathematical ramifications are considerable and for the most part of no direct interest to ringers, but a simple theorem soon emerges, application of which is straightforward, and shows at once that an extent of Grandsire Triples is not possible using bobs alone. Dr. Rankin also applies the theorem to obtain similar results for Union Triples, Double Norwich and Grandsire Cinques. The theorem—proved, of course, by precise reasoning—is, in fact, an exact expression of the generalisation known to ringers as the Law of Q-sets.

Most ringers will doubtless wonder whether it was worth while to spend so much time and energy, and to use such a refined technique, to prove something which was perfectly well known already. I believe that it was worth while, for Dr. Rankin's work is a landmark in that, to the best of my knowledge, it is the first time that precise mathematical methods have been applied to the study of change ringing—so often described by ringers as 'a strict mathematical science.' Admittedly, the results are no more than those obtained by W. H. Thompson over sixty years ago, but it is the method which is important. Thompson's work was qualitative — Dr. Rankin's is quantitative.

I have written to ask Dr. Rankin whether he was of the opinion that a general mathematical theory of change ringing could be constructed and whether, in particular, such a general theory could be applied to specific problems of composition in place of the somewhat ad hoc methods hitherto employed. His reply was that in his opinion it was a very difficult problem. Nevertheless, let us hope that Dr. Rankin's paper will stimulate more work on the subject in the future. One thing seems quite certain, and that is that by the very nature of the problem it is the methods of Group Theory which will have to be employed in any further advances. Group Theory is an invaluable tool in the theoretical treatment of problems of atomic, molecular

and nuclear physics, so that it is interesting to note that it is the same technique which has helped to lay bare the mysteries of the structure of matter—and hence to pave the way for the development of the atomic bomb and of atomic energy—which may in the future provide a strict theoretical foundation for the science of Campanology.

JOHN E. SPICE.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

MRS. J. COTTERELL	*Treble*	PERCY J. JOHNSON	6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST	2	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	3	*SEDMAN H. STEEL	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	†HAROLD WALKER	9
SIDNEY BRIGGS	5	LEONARD RODMELL	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 100th tower-bell peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED S. BAYLEY	*Treble*	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	EDW. V. RODENHURST	7
MRS. E. D. POOLE	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	8
FREDERICK PRICE	4	†WILLIAM A. FARMER	9
THOMAS PRICE	5	E. DENNIS POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Bob Royal. Mr. E. D. Poole has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C. ALFRED LEVETT	*Treble*	JOHN E. PENNELLS	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	LESLIE G. FRANKS	6
ALBERT A. EASTON	3	JOHN A. DOWNING	7
JACK SINDEN	4	GEORGE PRODGER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
In memoriam Walter Franks. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING	2	*GEORGE WATERMAN	6
ALBERT E. WHITING	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F sharp.

ROYDON DAVIES	*Treble*	*DAVID E. PARSONS	5
*MISS JOYCE ENGLAND	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	6
*MISS BETTY LAYTON	3	FREDK. E. COLLINS	7
*MISS JILL BRITTAIN	4	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHISWICK, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*PETER BETTRIDGE	*Treble*	*JOHN W. STEPHENSON	5
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	TOM DAVIES	6
†WILLIAM WELLING	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
*GORDON R. ALLSOP	4	ARTHUR HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY	2	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*WILLIAM ROGERS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	*Treble*	ALFRED W. DURHAM	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Albert D. Moody and Miss Hazel M. Lovell.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	ARCHIE FITCH	5
GEORGE W. MOSS	2	LESLIE MILLS	6
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	7
LAWRENCE POULSON	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First spliced peal by all.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	HARRY PYE	6
JOHN E. COOK	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
DENIS MADDOCK	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal of Triples in the method by all.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS H. CULVER	*Treble*	FREDK. A. COLEY	5
*ROBERT A. JOHNSON	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	6
FREDK. J. CULLUM	3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	7
ALFRED GROVE	4	CHARLES DANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY V. MURPHY.
* First peal in the method.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF WITHYHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
The first peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Peter F. White, only son of Mr. F. White, of Tunbridge Wells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	*ERIC A. DENCH	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of 'Spliced.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	FRANK TROTMAN	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
ALAN CATTELL	4	JOHN THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Mar. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. On the 'Stelfox Eight.'

GERALD F. BALL	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
JILL POOLE	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	3	PETER STANIFORTH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*HERBERT CORNELIUS	*Treble*	†ALBERT H. DRAYTON	5
REGINALD BEALE	2	‡REGINALD WELCH	6
†DENNIS R. BEST	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
FREDK. WELCH	4	†WALTER H. MARKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal. † First peal on eight. ‡ First peal 'inside' on eight.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *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.

CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN H. HUNT	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
EDGAR P. RAPLEY	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
ALFRED H. PULLING	4	ROGER O. TERY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DILLEY	*Treble*	WALTER D. POOLEY	4
MISS DAPHNE J. HARE	2	JOHN CHURCH	5
GEOFFREY MAYES	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Scholars, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

WALTER IZZARD	*Treble*	PEARL INSKIP	4
CLIFFORD IZZARD	2	ERNEST FREEMAN	5
MICHAEL STEVENS	3	CYRIL PRINDIVILLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL PRINDIVILLE.

ASHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 21 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	*Treble*	BERTIE O. SODEN	3
PHILIP JONES	2	EDWARD G. BENNETT	4
		ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
First peal on the bells.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	FRANK CLAYDON	5
RONALD SUCKLING	3	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARBARA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*L. TIBBITS	*Treble*	F. MILES	4
J. GOULTER	2	P. BAKER	5
*M. CLIFFORD	3	E. T. NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. NEWBURY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF REVERSE PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	4
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM WILKINSON	4
FRANK P. HARWOOD	2	HAROLD HARPER	5
FRANK DEWEY	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD HARPER.
* First peal. First peal on the new bells. First as conductor in six methods.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 13 ¼cwt.

*DENNIS H. PARHAM	*Treble*	*ERIC BOWKETT	4
*J. DONALD SHEPHERD...	2	*DUDLEY HENSHALL ...	5
*MABEL E. PARHAM ...	3	HERBERT LUDKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.
* First peal.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY S. WALLIS	*Treble*	PERCY W. TOMPKINS ...	4
ARTHUR W. DILLEY ...	2	GEOFFREY MAYES	5
MISS DAPHNE J. HARE...	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

*RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
LEONARD WILLIAMS ...	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
HENRY C. HARDING ...	3	*BRYAN SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
* 25th peal together.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLYW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

L. B. HURREN	*Treble*	G. FRANCIS	4
*R. SCUDAMORE	2	J. T. WILLIAMS	5
*F. SCUDAMORE	3	C. H. HAWKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. W. P. E. Sage and Miss K Tribe, of Burry Port, on their forthcoming marriage.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*BERTIE HAMMOND	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. SMALLS ...	4
ARTHUR WIGMORE ...	2	FRED WIGMORE	5
GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minuets,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERIC DAWSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM DICKINSON ...	4
*RICHARD HIND	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
*†DONALD CHADWICK ...	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal 'inside.'

FOOT'S CRAY, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores (ten different callings). Tenor 3½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	*Treble*	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	3
*JOHN L. MORRIS	2	‡ERNEST J. ROWE	4
ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES. Umpire: PETER N. BOND.
* First peal. † First peal on five bells. ‡ First peal of Doubles.
A birthday compliment to John L. Morris on his 12th birthday.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	†CHARLES GRAVETTE ...	4
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty six-scores (one Morris' 240), ten different callings. Tenor 16

*JOHN H. ARLET (13)	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	4
*DAVID BEVERIDGE ...	2	ERIC NOBLES	5
†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	3	*CHRIS. R. PACKER (12)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal. † First peal on six bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT 11, COLLEGE AVENUE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	1-2	*COLIN HARRISON	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 22, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	1-2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3-4	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 21 in D.

HAROLD A. MAY	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3-4	T. MARK WHITE	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. Faulknall.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 23, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 25, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ...	1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	3-4
		G. E. PADGETT	5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.
To celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of 1-2.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GOGLE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor size 11 in G.

*GEORGE P. ADAMS	1-2	FRED WIGMORE	3-4
		BERT GOGLE	5-6

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal 'in hand.'

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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Mr. F. Warrington, the 720 specialist, has 102 to his credit this year. Any challengers?

On March 28th, 1921, Mr. Frank W. Lack rang his first peal—27 years later to the day he rang his 27th!

Mr. F. C. W. Knight has completed the Grandsire family with peals in all methods from Doubles to Cinques.

Ringers of St. Peter's, Ash, Surrey, raised £23 for their bell restoration fund by means of a social on April 3rd. No less than £1,000 is required.

Acknowledging over 50 replies to a 'For Sale' notice, an advertiser states that he only replied to those who sent stamped addressed envelopes.

Bournemouth Ringers' Rally plans are going ahead. The dinner on April 24th will be at Gervis Hall and not St. Peter's Hall as previously arranged.

The peal of Stedman Triples at St. Matthew's, Walsall, on March 18th, was the first peal of Triples on the bells since being recast and augmented in 1929.

The peal at Birch-in-Rusholme, with five first peals, was for the wedding of the tower secretary, Mr. Norman Williamson, to Miss Muriel Phillips.

Miss Erica Hatton-Owen, of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was the recipient of a cocktail shaker from her fellow ringers on the occasion of her wedding on April 3rd. Ringing included a peal of Minor at St. Michael's, Shrewsbury.

All friends will be sorry to hear Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., is in hospital suffering from pneumonia. He collapsed when nearing the end of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln on Easter Monday. A line from anyone to Simpson 2 Ward, City Hospital, Nottingham, would cheer.

A silver bell and fittings adorned the wedding cake of Miss Margaret Telford at Keswick. Much amusement was caused at the reception when ringers present tried 'setting it in one.' After the speeches the newly-weds rang three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Major with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

After 18 months in hospital with infantile paralysis, Mr. R. Wilcocks, of Doncaster, is making good progress and was able to spend an evening with members of the Doncaster and District Society. To the delight of his friends he was able to ring touches on the handbells.

Taking a very active part at the meeting at Walthamstow of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association was Ted Bacon (Loughton), who celebrates his 84th birthday on April 17th. Ted rang his first peal at Walthamstow 60 years ago.

One of Mr. G. Lindoff's band that made history in ringing the first peals of Surprise for the Kent County Association in 1893 died on March 31st in the person of Mr. W. E. Easter, of Gillingham. Until the end of 1945 he was a member of Rochester Cathedral band. Mr. Easter rang about 56 peals, his last being in 1914.

Somewhat belated is the claim that the first peal of Cambridge Royal at West Ham on March 6th was the first peal of Surprise on the bells. Mr. Reuben Sanders recalls ringing a peal of Cambridge Royal on July 9th, 1914, which was the first on the bells, and also a peal of Middlesex Surprise Royal on December 2nd, 1922. Both peals were composed and conducted by the late William Pye.

Bath and Wells Association

MEMBERSHIP REACHES 1,431.

About 140 members attended the annual meeting of the Association at Bath on Easter Monday. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Archdeacon of Wells (the Ven. J. N. Higgins), and the address given by the Bishop (Dr. Bradfield), who spoke of the work of ringers as witnesses—not only by calling people to church, but by their lives.

Following lunch, Preb. A. J. Hook, the Master, presided at the business meeting. Officers elected were Preb. Hook, Master; Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary; Mr. W. A. Osborn, belfries adviser; Mr. F. C. Andrews, auditor.

The secretary reported that the finances were sound and could be kept so if a report was printed once in two years. The 140 peals which were rung during the period would cost some £40 to print. The balance at the bank was £126 13s. 11d. 'I am convinced that we owe our proud position of having probably the largest membership of any territorial or diocesan ringing guild to the fact that we have kept our subscription low at only 1s. 6d.'

The Master's report showed that 169 towers with 1,431 members comprised the minimum strength of the Association. This number did not include towers temporarily lapsed nor most of those members elected since the close of 1947. One branch had started a corporate communion.

Evercreech and Mark were increasing the number of their bells respectively to ten and eight, while work on the bells was contemplated at Yatton, Montacute, Weare, Ashcott and many others. There was a problem when recasting was essential of a pre-Reformation bell. Should it be recast or preserved as a museum piece somewhere in the church? The Advisory Committee did not like either alternative and felt that a bell that had been in use in the church for perhaps 500 years ought to be preserved and used. Where possible, the committee counselled, the bell should be hung separately, so that it could be chimed for daily services or used as a sacring bell.

The general secretary had been in correspondence with the B.B.C. about broadcast ringing, and a better understanding had been reached. He had also begun to get ringing literature into the County Library. It would be a good thing if ringers would apply for ringing books either directly to the County Library at Bridgwater or through their local branch.

A lively discussion was initiated by Mr. S. S. Woodburn, who thought that touches at meetings should not be longer than 168 changes. He found some support, but it was pointed out that such a length would cut out many methods.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Cuthbert's, Glastonbury, Chewton Mendip, Croscombe and Dinder. The 'go' of the Cathedral bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, received favourable comments.

TWO CORNISH DEDICATIONS

Cornwall had two augmented rings ready for Easter. On March 20th the Bishop (Dr. J. W. Hunkin) dedicated two trebles which have been added to the six at Kilkhampton in the north-east corner of the diocese. This six was hung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1925 in one of Cornwall's highest towers, the tenor being 11¾ cwt. The two trebles have been cast and hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and this most useful ring is the 41st eight in the diocese.

On Easter Eve, March 27th, the Bishop dedicated the rehung five and a new treble at Lesnewth. The five bells have been retuned and supplied with new fittings and ball bearings. The new treble has been named 'Victory Bell,' part of the cost having been bequeathed by the late Rev. H. C. Naldwin, Rector of the parish 1901 to 1919. This restoration has also been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Norwich Diocesan Association

CONCESSION TO OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

The annual meeting was held at Norwich on Easter Monday. During the day the bells of Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John-de-Sepulchre were rung to a variety of methods.

The service was held at Mancroft at noon, and a fine sermon was preached by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, Vicar of Wighton, and president of the West Norfolk Branch. Lunch was served at the Samson and Hercules, and was much better attended than last year, 95 being present, as against 61 in 1947.

At the business meeting the officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; vice-presidents re-elected, with the addition of Mr. W. L. Duffield and Mr. G. Burton, who is retiring from being auditor, which post he has held for 40 years. His place as auditor was taken by Mr. G. Fletcher. Mr. Nolan Golden was re-elected Ringing Master.

The Standing Committee was re-elected with the exception of Mr. G. Fletcher, who, having become chairman of the East Norfolk Branch, is replaced on the Standing Committee by Mrs. Fletcher.

New members elected included H. V. Lovick and D. G. Bailey (Wroxham), C. Catchpole (Dickleburgh), and Mr. Ben Thompson was re-elected.

Notice was given that next year it would be proposed to abolish the annual subscription for members who had reached pensionable age. The accounts were presented, showing that expenditure last year was £11 over receipts. As it is difficult to see where economies can be effected, the future calls for serious thought. More attention to payment of subscriptions by members who have not done so will make a great difference.

At the conclusion of the meeting the general secretary quickly sold out the small supply he had brought of the second edition of his book on Norwich bells and ringers. Copies may be ordered by post, 5s. each.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LIBRARY TO BE FORMED.

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's were available, and ringers from all over the county and many visitors attended in good strength throughout the day and large varieties of methods were rung.

A break in ringing was made for lunch, which this year was provided by Miss Gilbert and Mr. Foskett. Their efforts were an outstanding success. Best thanks to the organisers for giving their services.

The business meeting was presided over by the president, Miss Steel. Apologies for absence were read from Canon Rust, Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Hillyard. The annual reports, committee's report and balance sheet were adopted, the balance in hand being £7 above that of last year.

All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their past services. The representatives to the Central Council were elected and instructed to oppose the suggestion to hold the 1949 Council meeting in Ireland.

The summer festival was fixed for Kempston in July.

The secretary gave an account of the work of collecting the missing Association records, which has been completed with the help of Mr. Hooton, the Central Council librarian. Mr. Whitney was responsible for the printing and supervised the binding of the reports into three volumes.

A discussion followed about the formation of an Association Library, and it was agreed to accept the proposal of Mr. Foskett to make St. Paul's tower the library centre. Mr. Foskett was elected as librarian. Three new members were elected.

Miss Steel thanked all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

LETTERS

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,024 changes, by F. Robinson, rung at Prittlewell on February 7th, 1948, as it is false. To the band, and especially to the treble ringer, whose first peal of Major it should have been, I tender my sincere apology.—Yours truly,

Prittlewell. FRANK B. LUFKIN.

EATON SOCON PEAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Minor rung at Eaton Socon on February 16th, 1948, should be credited to the Ely Diocesan Association and not to Ely and Bedfordshire as sent in. The definition of this peal is seven 720's each called differently, independently, and not as one of the conductors of the Ely Association called his peal of Bob Minor seven 720's each being 18 bobs, two singles, commonly known as the old 'Grandfather.'—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—If Mr. E. W. Pye would be kind enough to say where the peal of Superlative with seven pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 recently appearing under my name may be found ascribed to Ernest Pye, I will be happy to withdraw all claim to it, but I doubt whether it was ever published as his peal.

This doubt is reinforced by the fact that one composition only of Ernest Pye's has been rung —a 5,152 of Superlative on page 84 of the 1914 Middlesex Report. This peal is merely a three course touch 'padded out' by blocks of 3H, with bobs Middle added to convert the whole into a three-part peal. The same composition is given in 'Surprise Methods,' page 39, as the production of John Cox in 1854.—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT.

ORIGINALITY OF COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Dispute over the authorship of a certain composition has been an ever occurring problem in the history of ringing. It has arisen recently with regard to peals of Superlative. An interesting King's Bench Division judgment, given recently on permutations, appears to apply to compositions.

A well-known football pool permutation expert recently brought an action against a newspaper for alleged infringement of copyright in some of his pools tables. Judgment was given against him, the learned Judge passing the following comment: 'Copyright in the table did not mean copyright in the underlying idea or principle. It meant that no other person had the right, without the plaintiff's consent, to copy it. That did not prevent any individual from working out a similar table, and finding a similar solution, *so long as it was his own work.*'

Surely, then, if a composer arrives at a particular composition *by his own efforts*, he is just as much entitled to claim the peal as his own as anyone who has discovered the plan before. A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth, Surrey.

WYLEBORE DAY

Wylebore Day (March 15th) was observed at St. John's, Peterborough, by 1,260 Grandsire Triples by A. Warner 1, W. Rose (cond.) 2, S. Wright 3, G. Bush 4, W. Waldron 5, H. Goakes 6, N. Chaddock 7, A. Joyce 8. Wylebore was a fellow of Christ Church, Cambridge, and M.P. for Peterborough. He was lost in the marshland outside the city and was piloted to safety by the sound of St. John's bells. When he died on March 15th, 1785, he left a piece of land, the rent of which amounts to about £7. He directed that the Vicar should hold a short service in his memory, for which he was to receive one guinea, the bells to be rung and the ringers to receive £5, the remainder to provide bread for the poor.

Miss Margaret Telford Married

A ringers' wedding of outstanding interest took place at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, on March 31st, between Miss Margaret Dorothy Telford, daughter of Mrs. E. E. Telford and the late Mr. H. Telford, of Eleven Trees, Keswick, and Mr. Christopher Weldon Woolley, second son of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, for many years Rector of Long Stanton, Cambs, and the late Mrs. H. B. Woolley. The Rector, the Rev. G. K. Carpenter, officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, who gave the address.

The bride, who was given away by her half-brother, Mr. Norman Telford, was attired in a dress of white nylon net, embroidered with lilies-of-the-valley, and carried a bouquet of blue iris. Her attendants were Miss Jean Barnett, of Crayford, who was dressed in a long frock of pale blue ninon with pearl Juliet cap, and Master Anthony Telford, of Hull, nephew of the bride. The best man was Mr. Michael Thorogood, of Luton, cousin of the bridegroom. The reception was held at the Royal Oak Hotel.

The bells of Crosthwaite Church were rung by the local band before and after the wedding, and later in the day eight of the guests accomplished a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the band including members of the Cambridge University Guild and the Oxford University Society. Indeed, a certain amount of inter-university rivalry was noticeable throughout the event!

Mr. and Mrs. Woolley's future home will be at Bushey.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A large number of ringers from a wide area gathered in Cambridge on Easter Monday on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Association. The bells of Great St. Mary's, Great St. Andrew's, St. Benet's and the R.C. Church were freely used throughout the day.

Shortened evensong at Great St. Mary's was conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. E. A. Whitworth), who after tea presided at the business meeting, held in the Consistory Court.

The report and balance sheet for 1947, the jubilee year of the Association, was presented and adopted.

Officers elected were: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Cousins; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; and the Diocesan Committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. M. Ginn, of Over. The triennial election of Central Council representatives resulted in the appointment of Mr. C. Cook and Mr. E. H. Mastin.

After discussion it was agreed to elect a peal secretary, to whom peal compositions rung for the Association should be submitted. Mr. M. Thurmott, of Ely, was elected to this office. Next year the annual general meeting will be held at St. Neots.

A QUESTION FOR RECORDS

Dear Sir,—I venture to suggest that if Mr. Ernest Pye will look more carefully at the peal of Superlative to which you refer in 'Belfry Gossip' he will probably find that his uncle's composition does not include the reversing of seven pairs.

If, however, he does find after a further check that Mr. Barnett has, in fact, reproduced an earlier peal, I shall be glad if he will kindly furnish particulars of when and where the peal was first rung and published. If it has not been published in any association report or any of the ringing journals, perhaps he would be kind enough to let me have a sight of the original document so that I can make the necessary adjustment to the Kent peal records.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY, Peal Secretary,
Kent County Association.

Mr. Harry Burnett, of St. Stephen's, Bristol, is anxious for the loan of reports of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for the years 1927-1931.

QUARTER PEALS

BOCKING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on March 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Brian Radley (first quarter, age 13) 1, John Warner 2, Stanley Bones 3, Claude Snowden 4, Miss Hilda G. Snowden 5, Ronald Suckling (cond.) 6.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS. — On March 24th, at St. Paul's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Heath 1, E. Dench 2, S. Wiltshire 3, A. Rogers 4, T. Davison 5, C. Lovelock 6, H. Marsh 7, F. Jackson (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 4 and 8.

CLEWER, BERKS. — On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Posnett 1, R. Purchase (first 'inside') 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, S. L. Posnett 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Halsall (first quarter) 1, H. Hoverd 2, W. J. Lemon 3, J. Wheadon 4, E. A. Barnett 5, E. H. Oxenham 6, F. A. Coley (cond.) 7, C. Brett-Smith 8.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Knight 1, G. P. Adams 2, B. Last 3, A. Wigmore 4, F. Wigmore (cond.) 5, J. W. Paul 6, B. Gogle 7, D. Miles 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's, 1,948 Bob Minor (two 720's Plain Bob and 508 Little and Plain Bob): Miss M. Grain 1, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 2, J. B. Rowsell 3, G. Gillett 4, O. A. Needham 5, R. H. Bullen 6. Presumed to be the first 1,948 to be rung.

EXETER. — On Easter Sunday, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wills 1, J. Hosgood 2, J. E. Lilley 3, A. Truman 4, R. Truman 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, W. Fairchild 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 5 and 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY. — On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Marriner 1, G. Cook 2, A. Smith 3, G. Peters (first as cond.) 4, C. Smart 5, A. Harman 6, G. Newberry 7, D. Anscombe 8.

MANCHESTER.—On March 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. Simkins 1, C. Fairley 2, H. Hollingworth 3, H. Barlow 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, G. Pye 7, W. Pye 8, R. Longden 9, J. Walmsley 10. For the 80th birthday of Charles Fairley, a service ringer at the Cathedral for 66 years.

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NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On March 14th at the Church of All Saints, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Howlett 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, J. R. Heath 4, A. E. Austin 5, J. A. Acres (first in method) 6, S. Forwood 7, A. Beale 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On March 21st, at St. Mark's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Minchin (first quarter) 1, C. J. Hathaway 2, C. Cavalot 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, J. Penney 5, W. W. Daniell 6, J. Woodroff 7, S. Mills (first of Triples) 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on March 21st (for 11th anniversary of the induction of Rev. A. M. Fergusson, Vicar), 1,260 Bob Caters: Mrs. A. M. Fergusson 1, H. V. Frost (composer and cond.) 2, T. J. Southam 3, C. F. Sayer 4, Miss A. Bailey 5, F. J. Spicer 6, B. C. Johnson 7, H. G. Mason 8, G. W. Debenham 9, R. Smith 10. First on 10 by 1 and 10. First of Caters in method by all the band and on the bells.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On March 14th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: J. W. Stenhenson (first on 12) 1, W. H. Hewett 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, R. W. Green 4, W. S. Langdon 5, A. A. Hughes 6, J. F. Smallwood 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, H. Belcher 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. A. Philipps (cond.) 11, J. H. Rumley 12.

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MEETINGS

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly, April 17th, Sherborne St. John, 2.30. Tea, The Swan. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. Bus, Basingstoke, No. 37. 3346

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual general, East Retford, Saturday, April 17th. Bells (10) 2.30. West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) also available. Committee 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Ebsworth Hall. 3301

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Ash, Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow.—B. J. Luck, Hon. District Sec. 3274

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, April 17th. Clerkenwell, Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 2.30. Clerkenwell, 4.30. 3222

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Downham (6), Saturday, April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3019

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15. Tea (limited to 60), Duke's Head, 4.45. Meeting, Poplar Road School, 5.45.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 3295

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, April 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30 p.m. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3329

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery. — Quarterly, St. Benedict's (6), Glastonbury, April 17th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. St. John's (8) available after.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3325

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8), April 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.15 p.m.—F. E. Hawthorne, Sec., 'phone Emberbrook, 4681. 3324

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Cookley, near Kidderminster, Saturday, April 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3321

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—The monthly practice for Saturday, April 17th, is cancelled.—P. Newton. 3320

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Haxey on Saturday, April 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 3344

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting at Abbotsbury, April 17th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. 3304

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Slough, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Henley, Oaklands, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks, by the 19th. Non-members welcomed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 3291

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, Saturday, April 24th. Cathedral bells 2 p.m. Other towers as usual. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m., followed by dedication of the Rupert Richardson Memorial Bell. Tea at Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5.15 p.m., followed by business. Tea only for those who send their names to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous. —F. W. Stokes. Hon. Sec. 3342

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 24th. Bells, Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas', from 3 to 4.30. Service, Cathedral Church, 5.30. Meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 6.30. Tea interval 4.30 to 5.15. Make own arrangements. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 3318

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting, Marlow, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea not later than April 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3323

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ecton (6), April 24th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. — A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 3327

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Next meeting, Hessle (6), on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (3s. each) 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle, East Yorks, by Tuesday, April 20th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 3328

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Swanscombe (8) on Saturday, April 24th. Details next week.—B. W. May, Hon. District Sec. 3332

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Cheadle, April 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Bring own food.—C. K. Lewis. 3338

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Meeting, Camborne (8), April 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following. Tuckingmill (8) also.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 3331

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Lower Plover, April 24th. Bells ready 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—H. Howard, Hon. Sec. 3350

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Evening meetings at Raunds (8), April 24th; Tichmarsh (8), May 29th; Wadenhoe (6), June 26th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. 3361

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A meeting will be held at Devizes (St. John's) on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Please notify for tea by the 20th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath. 3362

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfastleigh (8), Saturday, April 24th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec. 3370

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing commences at 2 p.m. 3365

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Churchill on Saturday, April 24th, from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division) and HAWKHURST & DISTRICT GUILD.—Practice meeting at Hailsham (8), Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 21st to F. H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex. 3366

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Westhoughton, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Tea. Names to W. Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton, by April 21st. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3367

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Wirksworth, April 24th, 3. Tea 4.30. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, April 21st latest. 3369

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY.—On Saturday, April 24th. Ringing arrangements: Christchurch Priory (12), 2.30 to 4.30; St. Peter's, Bournemouth (8), 4.30 to 6 p.m.; St. John's, Surrey Road (8), after induction of new Vicar, about 4.15 p.m.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3371

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnby Don (6), April 24th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3376

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — Meeting at Keysoe and Little Staughton, Saturday, April 24th, 3 p.m. Tea and cakes 5 p.m. (bring own sandwiches), Keysoe.—P. L. Gilbert. Hon. Dis. Sec. 3375

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bruton, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 3348

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Meeting at Stogursey, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, names essential. — R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 3349

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Warmley (6), April 24th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — Miss Mary Hilliar, 48, Kennington Ave., Bristol, 7. 3356

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Prestwold, near Loughborough, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 3354

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Havant, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at White Ladies Hotel. Business follows. Names before April 20th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 3353

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Wrotham (8), April 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3380

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Swanscombe (8), Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Room and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 21st, to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. —B. W. May. 3387

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood (6), May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 28th to T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3358

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Pulham Market (8), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Memorial Hall for those who notify by April 26th. Also Pulham Mary (8 bells) during evening.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 3379

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Wiggenhall St. Mary (6), Saturday, May 1st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3378

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Future meetings: May 1st, Crusade meeting; Rayleigh (8), June 5th; Crusade meeting, Shenfield (6) and Brentwood (8), July 3rd. Quarterly meeting, North Weald (6). Further details later.—F. V. Gant, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3360

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Details next week.—A. G. Hill Hon. Dis. Sec. 3377

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held in Brighton on Saturday, May 8th.—S. E. Armstrong, General Secretary. 3374

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Whit Monday. Guild committee meet Church Hall, 2.45. Service 3.30, All Hallows'. Tea 4.30, Gloucester Hall, only for those whose application reaches Guild secretary by May 8th. Bells: Earls Barton and Finedon, 11 to 1; Wellingborough, 1 to 3.30; Great Doddington and Wilby, 1 to 3. After meeting all above, also Irthlingborough, Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston and Bozeat. — Robert G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 3357

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Mere, Wilts, on Saturday, May 1st. Annual meeting in Grove Building, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.45. Fourteen towers open. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec. 3383

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 1st, All Saints', Isleworth, 3-8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus 37 from St. Margaret's, Isleworth, or Hounslow East Stations. Middlesex Association members specially invited. Names for tea early.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3384

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, May 1st. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) available at 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by 28th inst., otherwise no tea will be provided.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 3359

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting at Broadclyst, May 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 25th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 3381

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Meeting, West Coker, Saturday, May 1st. Service 4.30. Early notification for tea essential. — F. Farrant, Martock. 3368

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SOUTHOVER BELLS AND RINGERS

TWO interesting documents are to hand this week. The first is a letter from the Rev. D. G. Matthews, Rector, appealing for £250 to enable Southover bells, upon which the founder of this journal learned to ring, to be rehung. Donations, he states, will be gratefully received by Mr. A. Neal, Durlston, Rotten Row, Lewes. This restoration fund, we know, will be of special interest to our readers.

The second is the manuscript of a lecture by George P. Elphick on 'Southover Church: its bells and ringers.' Space will not permit of its reproduction, but it provides on insight into ringing in this Sussex village. The bells (the finest ring of 10 in Sussex) that require the attention of the bellhanger to-day were cast by Thomas Mears in 1839, with a new frame constructed by William Markwick, of Uckfield. The bells were opened on Monday, October 28th, 1839, by the local ringers at 11 a.m., and ringing continued for the rest of the morning. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band from Brighton, conducted by a Mr. Tester, followed by touches being rung by bands from Uckfield, Waldron and Chailey. This bears witness to the enthusiasm that ringers of a hundred years ago possessed for a bell opening to be held during working time.

One of the company present was Mr. Thomas Goldsmith, the Parish Clerk. He possessed a copy of Shipway's 'Treatise on Ringing,' which is now in the library of Guildford Diocesan Guild. By trade he was a wheelwright, having his workshop opposite the church, and was also the first licensee of the King's Head. His son, John Goldsmith, followed both his father's trade and also took over the inn.

One of the earliest peal boards remaining in the tower records a peal of Holt's Original rung by the Lewes Society of Change Ringers on December 6th, 1869. The band was T. Goldsmith 1, J. Brooks 2, C. Warner 3, J. Pryor 4, J. Goldsmith 5, J. Box 6, J. Acton 7, C. Wren 8. Thomas Goldsmith on the treble was one of the company in 1839 when the bells were opened. He was 65 years old and this is the only record of his having rung a peal. Thomas died when he reached his three score years and ten on April 12th, 1875, and was buried alongside of the tower of his beloved church, leaving his son, John, who rang the sixth in the 1869 peal, to carry on. On January 13th, 1878, John was presented with a son by Emma, his second wife, who was a Devonshire woman. He was christened John Sparkes, his second Christian name being his mother's maiden name. Little did his parents dream of the vital part he would be called upon to play in the Exercise. Of him it may be said he had ringing in his blood.

A revival of change ringing at Southover was mainly the work of three men, Robert James Dawe, Alfred John Turner and John Sparkes Goldsmith. Alfred Turner, who was born in 1872 and had only one eye, taught Jack Goldsmith to handle a bell. He rang 387 peals and was a Royal Cumberland Youth. The first reference to Jack Goldsmith with regard to ringing was in 1887, when at the age of nine he was given permission to be released from Southover Day School for a quarter of an hour on saints' days to chime a bell for the 11 o'clock service. His mother was parish clerk, which office she took over on the death of his father when he was six, and consequently it was his mother who inspired and insisted that he should become a ringer. His first peal, Holt's ten-part, on which he took the treble, was rung on April 8th, 1893. He was 16 when he called his first peal, and he called his first of Superlative on his 21st birthday at Southover, a few weeks after the ringing of his 100th peal at Arundel.

Of Robert John Dawe, Mr. Elphick writes he began his ringing career at Southover in 1889 and was a carpenter and joiner by trade. About that time the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was a curate at Ringmer, a village three miles from Lewes, and these youngsters used to tramp over to Ringmer each week. Bob never forgot the dressing down the Rev. Davies gave him for learning Grandsire Doubles by heart. One of the latter's favourite tricks was to jump across the tower to an offender if he did not do as he was told in double quick time. Another of his peculiar habits was to take off his shirt for ringing. Bob Dawe rang in all 483 peals, over 160 being rung at Southover.

TEN BELL PEALS

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Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	*Treble*	*H. Peter Raynor ...	6
Mrs. R. F. Deal	2	Walter F. Judge ...	7
Margaret L. Tutt ...	3	Victor J. F. Bennett...	8
Patricia Holmes	4	John S. Mason	9
Paul K. Williamson ...	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

E. Joan Salmons	*Treble*	*Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	6
John W. Faithfull ...	2	*Walter C. Rose ...	7
Fredk. W. Housden ...	3	Albert Diserens ...	8
Jessie M. Kippin	4	*Ernest F. Salmons ...	9
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ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5020 CHANGES;
Tenor 34¾ cwt.

Harold Kent	*Treble*	*Peter E. North ...	6
*Joseph Saxton	2	G. Gordon Graham ...	7
†Jack G. Brothwell ...	3	John E. Turley	8
T. Colin Ryder	4	Norman Chaddock ...	9
Gordon Briggs	5	Herbert O. Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal on ten. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

*Norma Bickerdike ...	*Treble*	Ronald H. Dove ...	6
*Vernon Bottomley ...	2	‡Donald Marshall ...	7
†John Siddle	3	Ernest H. Raynor ...	8
*Molly Ambler	4	Gordon Benfield ...	9
Kathleen Higgins ...	5	Clifford A. Vessey ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Clifford A. Vessey.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Bob Royal.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt.

Ronald Kenrick	*Treble*	*Thomas Hesketh ...	6
Thomas Hammond ...	2	James Grounds	7
John Lunham	3	Edwin Birkett	8
*John Booth	4	Arthur Mawdesley ...	9
Thomas Horridge ...	5	Joseph Ridyard ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	Donald G. Clift	6
Alfred E. Reeves ...	2	Norman H. Coombs ...	7
Frederick G. Leaker	3	Raymond C. Seager ...	8
John M. Stallard ...	4	Emlyn F. Hancock ...	9
*Sydney G. Riches ...	5	Leonard Derrick ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the B.V.M.,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

Mrs. R. F. Deal	*Treble*	*Peter N. Bond	6
*Miss Patricia Holmes	2	*Thomas H. Francis ...	7
Edward A. G. Allen	3	Benjamin F. Baker ...	8
†Cecil J. Matthews ...	4	George W. Steere ...	9
Frank E. Hawthorne	5	‡George H. Cross ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Thos. H. Francis.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	Reginald W. Rex ...	6
Walter F. Judge ...	2	*Reginald F. Crook ...	7
Mrs. A. Diserens ...	3	George Gilbert	8
*Raymond G. Burton ...	4	Albert Diserens ...	9
*Noel J. Diserens ...	5	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 37¾ cwt.

*Adam Deas	*Treble*	†William E. Robinson	6
*John Anderson	2	‡William H. Barber ...	7
†Miss Margaret Fidell	3	*Ernest Wallace ...	8
Joseph E. Keen	4	*Jack L. Millhouse ...	9
†Thomas W. Crowe ...	5	§W. Norman Park ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William H. Barber.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ 600th peal. § First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*George Cherry	*Treble*	Donald C. Price ...	5
†Roy V. Webb	2	Edwin G. Buck	6
Edgar W. Winters ...	3	George W. Debenham...	7
†Jack S. Dear	4	Frank W. Croft	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anne,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

Alf. T. Houldsworth	*Treble*	John Foster	5
Charles Sharples ...	2	Arthur Tomlinson ...	6
Joan Houldsworth ...	3	*Herbert Ramsbottom...	7
*Arthur Preston ...	4	Philip M. J. Gray ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

*Margaret D. Reeves...	*Treble*	Adolphus Roberts ...	5
†Roy W. Hayne	2	†L. Michael Callow ...	6
Frank E. Pervin ...	3	Thomas W. Sheppard...	7
Douglas Ellender ...	4	Frank Rouse	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Sheppard.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. A compliment to Miss M. D. Reeves on her 16th birthday.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

C. Henry Harding	*Treble*	Bryan F. Sims	5
Andrew C. Sinfield	2	*Alfred Rushton	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	*C. Edward Jeffries	7
Harold Burton	4	*Lewis H. Bywaters	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by C. E. Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the Association. Tenor 24 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Arthur Jones	*Treble*	George F. Swann	5
*Miss Joan E. Withey	2	R. Thomas Newman	6
John Pinfold	3	George E. Fearn	7
John S. Walton	4	Edward T. Lloyd	*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Swann.
* First peal of Stedman.

HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, *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.

William Pratt	*Treble*	John T. Dunwoody	5
Harry Brown	2	*Leslie Boumphrey	6
William A. Patterson	3	Fredk. E. Dukes	7
James Edgar	4	Thos. Dunwoody	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Harry Brown.
* First peal in the method.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Mrs. J. Lintern	*Treble*	Herbert C. Lintern	5
Henry J. Sanger	2	Joseph T. Dyke	6
John E. Metcalfe	3	Jack Lintern	7
William Higdon	4	Albert Lintern	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Lintern.
* First peal.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Frances M. Laflin	*Treble*	Brian D. Price	5
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	2	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	6
Rev. B. F. Sheppard	3	Peter Laflin	7
Edwin A. Barnett	4	Frank E. Haynes	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by E. A. Barnett.
In honour of the wedding of Christopher W. Woolley and Margaret D. Telford.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A flat.

Edwin G. Moore	*Treble*	Walter F. Judge	5
Victor J. F. Bennett	2	Albert Diserens	6
*Margaret L. Tutt	3	*H. Peter Raynor	7
*James Higgins	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the wedding of Christopher W. Woolley and Margaret D. Telford.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Chas. H. Moore	*Treble*	George Sayer	5
*Leslie W. Houghton	2	Nolan Golden	6
†Jack King	3	Henry Tooke	7
Arthur G. Bason	4	*William Clover	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the marriage of Christopher W. Woolley and Margaret D. Telford. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Robert Belsey	*Treble*	*Eric Naylor	5
George A. Naylor	2	Fredk. S. Macey	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Victor A. Jarrett	7
Francis J. Cheal	4	†Fredk. G. Southgate	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. † First of Grandsire. To celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Belsey.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Sidney Flint	*Treble*	Arthur Mawdesley	5
*Ronald Kenrick	2	*Tom Marshall	6
*Miss M. E. Ridyard	3	*James J. Jackson	7
†Miss V. Draper (15)	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Fredk. A. Salter	*Treble*	Harold Pailing	5
George E. Padgett	2	Walter Nichols	6
*J. Kenneth Wagstaff	3	Frank W. Brown	7
†Reginald A. Aley	4	†T. Vernon Jennison	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by Fredk. A. Salter.
* First peal of Plain Bob on tower bells. † First peal of Plain Bob. In honour of the wedding of Richard J. Bowler.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Denis Maddock	*Treble*	Cyril Valentine	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	6
Walter Allman	3	Francis Bibby	7
John E. Bibby	4	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. In honour of the marriage of Ralph G. Edwards and Ella Grace. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Roger Hawksworth	*Treble*	Eric E. Speake	5
Trevor Reynolds	2	*Arthur V. Pearson	6
Richard J. Warrilow	3	*Howard Howell	7
Albert D. Collins	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* 50th peal together.

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HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*William White ...	*Treble*	‡Bertram L. J. Brown	5
Alfred H. Webb ...	2	Henry L. Bishop ...	6
†George W. Bishop ...	3	Robert B. Blond ...	7
James Gordon	4	Jack C. Napper ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Webb.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary of Charity,
A PEAL OF OSWALD DELIGHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Mark W. Marshall ...	*Treble*	Fredk. G. Huckstepp ...	5
William A. Oldfield ...	2	Albert J. Lancefield ...	6
Wilfred W. Ring ...	3	Mark S. Lancefield ...	7
Percy Page	4	Thos. Cullingworth...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Thos. Cullingworth.
First peal of Major in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Melorus,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Jack Mussell	*Treble*	Michael R. D. Harford	5
Frances A. Edgar ...	2	Ronald Marlow	6
Herbert H. Abrahams	3	Frank L. Harris	7
Colin W. Reed	4	Edward J. Doel	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
First peal of Bob Triples for all the band. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

W. E. Maulden	*Treble*	Leslie G. Brett ...	5
George A. Fleming ...	2	Albert E. Whiting ...	6
*Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Frank L. Fisher ...	4	*Leslie C. Wightman...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by L. C. Wightman.
*50th peal together. In honour of the wedding of Ernest W. Pye and Madeline Broyd. Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Cyril Ward	*Treble*	Sydney A. Chambers...	5
Charles McGuiness ...	2	Frederick W. Stokes	6
*Raymond F. Smith ...	3	*Herbert Lowman ...	7
John Freeman	4	John A. Freeman ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of Kenneth S. B. Croft and Madeline M. Lyon.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Patrick I. Chapman...	*Treble*	Raymond Idle	5
*Colin F. Loke	2	Arthur H. Idle	6
Burley P. Morris ...	3	Brian Austin	7
Miss Enid Walklate	4	Geoffrey E. Watson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge (C.C.C. 99).
Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal. Tenor 21 cwt.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 24½ cwt.

Arnold G. Hazelden ...	*Treble*	George R. Hanks ...	5
William T. Poston ...	2	William Poston	6
Allen E. Gwynne ...	3	Alfred T. Poulton ...	7
Reginald T. Jones ...	4	John J. Webb	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Poston.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Charles H. Wickens	*Treble*	Cecil R. Longhurst ...	5
†Stella M. Wickens ...	2	Frank Howe	6
*Basil W. White	3	R. Congreve-Pridgeon	7
Morris Thomas	4	Herbert W. Woolven...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stella M. Wickens.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

John E. Bibby ...	*Treble*	George H. Randles ...	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	*Eric J. Gilbert	6
*George Ledsham ...	3	*Ralph G. Edwards ...	7
*Walter Allman	4	*James C. E. Simpson...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Jas. C. E. Simpson.
* First touch in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Mar. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

S. A. Guppy	*Treble*	G. W. Rendell	4
A. S. Atyeo	2	*H. R. Cannor	5
R. White...	3	†R. E. Guppy	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. Rendell.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

Hugh M. Page	*Treble*	John W. Stephenson ...	4
William J. Paice	2	Horace Belcher	5
John E. Chilcott ...	3	J. Frank Smallwood ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Frank Smallwood.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

George F. Sperring ...	*Treble*	John W. Griffiths ...	4
*Henry O. Baker ...	2	Percy Swindley	5
John W. Best	3	Harry Pye	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percy Swindley.
* First peal in the method.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Single Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

Miss G. Burchnall ...	*Treble*	Frederick Jackson ...	4
Miss K. Burchnall ...	2	Reginald Ashforth ...	5
*Miss J. Salt	3	Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal in three methods.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Albert H. Booth ...	*Treble*	*Denis Maddock	4
Eric Hornby	2	Harry W. Howard ...	5
Harry Parker	3	A. Gordon Lawrence	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal in four methods.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST RODDAM ...	...*Treble*	STANLEY PROUD	4
STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN.	2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ...	5
GEORGE WALL	3	STEPHEN THOMPSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.
In memoriam the Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, M.A., late Rector.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Willesden, Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (2) St. Albans and Neasden Delight; (3) Charlwood Delight; (4) Wragby Delight; (5) Sandal and Capel Treble Bob: (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	4
ERIC SIMPSON	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	5
ARTHUR HIBBERT	3	JAMES A. MILNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.
* First peal in 13 methods. A farewell to the Rev. Charles Musgrave, M.A., Vicar for 24 years.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Double Oxford and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON ...	4
HAROLD TURNER	2	*JAMES W. BOWLEY ...	5
C. WILLIAM HALL ...	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* First peal.

(More peals on page 169)

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*D. MILLWARD ...	...*Treble*	WM. THORNLEY, SEN. ...	4
*B. SHAW	2	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ...	5
R. MILLWARD	3	†WM. HOULT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDK. WATSON ...	...*Treble*	†EILEEN CHEENEY	4
JOHN H. BAILESS ...	2	FRANK BAILESS	5
*HENRY BRIGGS	3	ROY COLMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BAILESS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.'

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*HONOR WINTER ...	...*Treble*	*PETER WILKINSON ...	4
SYDNEY FLINT	2	PHYLLIS BOOTH	5
ROBERT LARKEY	3	WILLIAM DEACON ...	...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	D. SANDERSON (R.A.F.)	4
*KENNETH HARTLEY ...	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON...	5
†JAMES TAYLOR	3	ROGER LEIGH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Enid Walklate and Mr. Geoffrey E. Watson had rung 13 peals together. To quell superstition worries they stood in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Rothwell, Northants, two days before their wedding.

This week's 'circler': Mr. Frank Warrington, Holywell, Hunts.

Mr. John Hogg, who participated in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Leeds Parish Church, had not rung a peal for 37 years.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson reached his century of peals at Coalbrookdale (reported last week). It was the 63rd tower in which he has rung a peal.

The first peal on the bells of Christchurch Priory was called 60 years ago last Easter Monday by Mr. George Williams. He believes he is the only survivor.

Mr. Ernest Morris' latest literary effort is the history of St. Margaret's Select Vestry, Leicester, a valuable piece of research. We note that one of his predecessors was sentenced to 15 years' transportation for a matter of £20!

Mr. William Manser scored his first peal at the age of 73, after serving for 43 years as a ringer at Barming, Kent. Three of his sons also stood in the peal, which was the first peal for two of them.

There was a 'silvery' note about Harwell bells on April 2nd, the peal being a compliment to Mr. H. K. White, chairman of the Hagbourne ringers, on the occasion of his silver wedding.

To mark the completion of Canon M. Paterson's term of office as Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, on March 30th. A great friend of Bristol ringers, his motto during his 25 years at St. Thomas' has been to 'bring the church near the ringers and the ringers nearer the church.'

The St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers extend an invitation to all friends to attend the unveiling of a peal board on Saturday, May 1st, at 4 p.m., to the memory of Capt. Frederick Coles, M.C. (son of the late Mr. C. T. Coles), who was killed in action in Tunisia. There will be an opportunity to ring on the recently rehung bells after the service and during the evening.

A question is raised by Mr. F. C. W. Knight regarding the peal at Foot's Cray, Kent, in 2 hours and 9 mins. Is this the quickest peal on five bells yet rung? These bells were hung over 100 years ago and this is only the third peal.

It has distressed the Editor 'to spike' so many Easter quarters. Will the weekly quarter specialists please realise it is an endeavour to make way for new names and towers in this column?

The earliest quarter this Easter is claimed by Wickhambreaux, five miles from Canterbury, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor being rung by 6 a.m. Ringers were P. Newing 1, F. Ellen 2, S. Walter 3, A. C. Philpot (who cycled from Canterbury) 4, E. Wood 5, S. G. White (cond.) 6. It was a first quarter for 1 and 2.

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. A. J. Corrigan. He has been busy getting out a complete collection of Surprise Majors, nearly 400 of them. A big fire at the printing works destroyed much of the type. However, he hopes to publish the result of his handiwork and research next month.

A diversion from usual routine proved very successful at the Barwell meeting of the Leicester Guild. During the closing stages of the tea, a party of 68 was entertained by the Earl Shilton Male Voice Choir for half an hour. The conductor was Mr. T. C. Belton, a ringer at the local tower and parochial lay reader.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of the Exeter Meeting

Minutes of the third session of the nineteenth Council (50th annual meeting), held at the Guildhall, Exeter, on Whit Tuesday, May 27th, 1947.

A civic welcome to Exeter was extended by the Mayor, and the Lord Bishop of Exeter extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the Diocese.

The Council's thanks were expressed by the President. Prayers were offered by the Lord Bishop.

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.

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Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale, Mr. W. C. Wakley, Mr. G. C. Woodley.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Mr. W. H. Barber.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. C. W. Cook.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Rev. N. E. Hope, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. T. Waite.

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Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. W. T. Poston, Mr. G. J. Lewis.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Kent County Association.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. A. 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.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Bennett, Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock, 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, Mr. G. S. Valentine.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. 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.

Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.—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 Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. H. Bennett.

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. 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, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. E. A. Young.

SUMMARY.

	Associations.	Members Present.	Absent.
Wholly represented ...	23	52	
Partially represented	22	50	29
Not represented ...	7		8
	52	102	37
Hon. Members		11	6
		113	43

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 52 Associations and Guilds were now affiliated, entitled to a representation of 139 members as follows: 23 Associations entitled to four members; 4 to three; 10 to two; and 15 to one.

The North Notts Association had merged with the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and the St. David's Guild was now included.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. J. Davidson, Durham and Newcastle; Mr. A. Relfe, East Grinstead; Mr. F. W. Warrington, Ely; Mr. G. E. Oliver, Hereford; Messrs. H. G. Cashmore and C. W. Woolley, Hertford County; Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Kent County; Miss E. Steel, Ladies'; Mrs. O. L. Rogers, London County; Mr. W. G. Wilson, Middlesex; the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Oxford Diocesan; Rev. Elliott Wigg, Oxford University; Mr. J. T. Godwin, Salisbury; Mr. J. Parker, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Messrs. H. Denman and T. Groombridge, jun., Southwell Diocesan; Mr. C. J. Sedgeley, Suffolk; the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, Yorkshire; and honorary members, Messrs. G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, sen., C. F. Johnston and J. A. Trollope.

TELEGRAMS.

It was agreed that a telegram of good wishes be sent to each of the following absent members: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

The following new members were presented in accordance with Rule 11: Mr. J. W. Clarke, Chester; Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Essex; Rev. N. E. Hope, Gloucester and Bristol; Messrs. G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton and W. T. Poston, Hereford; Mr. F. E. Dukes, Irish; Mr. S. E. Bennett, Lincoln; Mr. J. A. Hoare, St. David's; and Mr. C. H. Kippin, Hon. Member.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, Mr. W. Osborn was elected, proposed by Mr. H. Sanger, seconded by Mr. S. G. Coles.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members was formally reported by the President: Rev. E. Bankes James, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, Mr. A. E. Coles, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. E. Shepherd.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner and resolved that the Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World,' May 9th, 1947, pages 213-214, be approved.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

The Hon. Librarian reported a steady sale of publications. The stock of Doubles and Minor Methods was now exhausted and enquiries were still being received for Major and Cater Methods. The report acknowledged gifts for for the library from Mr. F. Sharpe, Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. P. Crook, Mr. Dew and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton; seconder Mr. W. Ayre.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The accounts showed an excess of income for the year of £20 19s. 2d. The total income, including sales of publications of £26 10s. 1d., was £63 5s. 1d. The expenses amounted to £42 5s. 11d. and included cost of printing method sheets £6 6s., repayment of advances in respect of Surprise book £6 4s. 3d., carriage and insurance of library £3 19s. 4d. The closing balance was £324 9s. 1d.

The accounts were adopted, subject to audit, on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

A verbal report, presented by Mr. E. A. Young, was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and adopted.

It was also agreed to pay the usual fees to the demonstrator and to allow the trustees to expend a sum up to £1 on necessary repairs.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

A formal report by the committee as to their recommendations was adopted on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The committee reported that the collection of Triples and Major compositions was expected to be ready for presentation to the Council in 1948. Under the powers granted, Mr. E. A. Barnett had been co-opted.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Turner reported that the committee continued to answer the many questions received concerning methods and compositions.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The report was presented by Mr. C. Dean, and the committee drew attention to the exclusion of certain peals which did not conform to the usual ringing practice in the Exercise, i.e., a peal of Minor in which the conductor did not take a physical part, a peal of Minor with a covering tenor, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major with a covering tenor.

The adoption was seconded by Mr. W. Ayre and carried.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

A report of new methods and progressive lengths was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner. Conductors were again urged to forward particulars of all new methods and compositions of progressive lengths.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported at length on the work of the committee during the year, and in particular the matters he had dealt with. A further report was given by Mr. F. Sharpe.

On the motion of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe, the report was adopted, and it was agreed to add Mr. W. A. Osborn to the committee.

It was further agreed to obtain a photographic copy of the Book of Calculations of horizontal and vertical forces, by Mr. E. H. Lewis, which was now accepted as the standard theory on the subject.

REPORT OF LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The report, see 'Ringing World' June 13th, 1947, was adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

The committee invited those arranging broadcasts to acquaint 'The Ringing World' of the date and time.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

A verbal report that progress was being made was adopted on the motion of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. P. Crook.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

Mr. Hazelden reported on the work now being done with a view to making the records more complete. The report was adopted on his motion, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. Permission was granted to expend moneys on copying photographs sent on loan.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts for the year to September 30th, 1946, showing revenue of £1,918 11s. 7d. and a profit of £158 9s. 7d.

The accounts were adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin, and it was agreed that future accounts be made up to December 31st. Congratulations were extended to the Editor, Mr. White, for his excellent work.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, that the sum of £1 per week be paid to Mr. J. A. Trollope, and the matter be again reviewed at the next meeting.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Mr. F. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that the accounts be circulated to all Associations.

REVISION OF RULES.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, it was resolved that the Standing Committee be asked to consider the present rules of the Council and to make recommendations.

HANDBOOK.

On the motion of Mr. J. P. Fidler, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes, permission was given to expend moneys on printing a handbook to be prepared and approved by the Standing Committee.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was announced that in accordance with rule, the next meeting would be held in London.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, it was agreed to ask the Standing Committee to appoint a sub-committee to consider the preparation of this roll.

MEMORIALS.

On the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. A. B. Peck, the sum of £3 3s. was voted to the memorial being raised in memory of the late C. T. Coles.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, thanks were accorded to the Mayor for his welcome and use of the Council Chamber, the Lord Bishop of Exeter for his welcome, the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells, Archdeacon Thompson for conducting members through the Cathedral, the incumbents of the various churches for the use of bells, and tower-keepers for arrangements, the Devon Guild for hospitality, and the committee, particularly Mr. F. C. Smale and Mr. E. W. Biffen, for arrangements, and to Mr. and Mrs. Stokes for their delightful hospitality.

It was further agreed that the sum of £5 5s. be forwarded to the Cathedral Damage Fund.

MORTON, DERBY.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Minor (120 Little Bob, 120 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Cambridge): E. Gough (16) 1, G. E. Holdgate (17) 2, P. H. Wright (17) 3, R. M. E. Richards (15) 4, E. J. Sterland (17) 5, B. A. Richards (17) (cond.) 6. First quarter in six methods by all the band.

Worcestershire and Districts

MR. C. SKIDMORE THE NEW MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Association, held at Worcester on Easter Monday, attracted a good attendance, a feature being the number of young ringers present. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. was conducted by the clerical secretary (the Rev. H. Hartley), together with the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies) and the Rector of All Saints' (Bishop Lasbrey), with the Rev. Wayle at the organ.

The Dean as president presided at the general meeting in College Hall, when the report of the committee stated that grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund of £10 each had been made to the rehanging of Beoley bells and to the addition of two trebles at Norton. The Master (Mr. S. T. Holt) reported that a peal of Spliced Surprise had been rung at Selly Oak as the annual peal, several of the band ringing their first peal of 'spliced.' In the absence of the librarian (Mr. C. W. Cooper), his report was read by the secretary, who again reminded members of the facilities provided for the loan of books.

The Dean was unanimously re-elected president, and the Rev. J. R. Bamber and Mr. W. B. Cartwright added to the list of clerical and lay vice-presidents respectively. After holding the office for the past ten years, the Master, Mr. S. T. Holt, expressed a wish to resign, and Mr. C. Skidmore, of Brierley Hill, was elected his successor. Several members spoke in appreciative terms of Mr. Holt's services to ringing and to the Association, and it was decided to record this on the minutes. Following a chance remark by the chairman, it was felt that the description 'clerical secretary' was something of a misnomer, and it was decided to alter this to 'chaplain,' the Rev. H. Hartley being unanimously re-elected. Mr. J. D. Johnson was re-elected secretary and treasurer and all remaining officers re-elected.

Worcester was again chosen for the next meeting, and arrangements for the annual peal left to the new Master. Twelve new performing members from Leigh were elected, forming the first band here for many years.

Mr. J. R. Newman spoke of the number of closed churches having rings of bells in the city, with special reference to the ring of eight at St. Helen's, and spoke of a case where he understood a single bell had already left the county. It was decided that the secretary should write to the two Archdeacons, with a copy to the Lord Bishop, asking that such bells be retained within the diocese, and go to churches requiring fresh rings.

During the afternoon and evening bells available for ringing were: Cathedral (12), All Saints' and Claines (10), St. John's and Hallow (8).

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NINE OLD RINGERS HONOURED.

The annual meeting was held at Derby on April 3rd, when the towers of the Cathedral, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's were open for ringing. Tea was provided in St. Peter's Parochial Hall, at which about 60 ringers and friends attended.

The Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, Assistant Bishop of Derby, presided at the business meeting, at which the retiring officers were re-elected. Mr. Gordon Briggs, of Staveley, was elected Central Council representative.

The annual report was presented by the secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster), with the financial statement, and failing any adverse criticism, the report was adopted.

Mr. Wilfred Slater, of the Cathedral, was elected to membership, and nine old ringers were honoured by election to honorary life membership, namely, E. C. Gobey, Robert Cox, J. Ward, Richard Drage, H. Fletcher, A. Ward, C. Davies, A. Sherwood and T. Underwood, all these having rendered yeoman service to ringing in general.

It was decided at the next annual meeting to hold a short service in the Cathedral, the president promising to be responsible for the arrangements.

QUARTER PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace (first quarter) 4, F. James (cond.) 5, H. Dunsden 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT. — On March 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, P. J. Spice 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, C. E. Cullen 6, S. J. Humphrey (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. C. Bishop 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Dent 1, J. L. Morris (age 12) 2, D. Beveridge 3, W. R. Hammons 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, R. Streek 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. King 1, Miss E. M. Hannam 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Miss B. H. Young 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, E. J. Fry 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss Frances Raybould 2, A. Grove 3, H. J. Shuck 4, A. Wyre 5, L. R. Hall 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Higgins 1, Miss V. Look 2, Miss A. Look 3, Miss Beryl Look (first quarter as cond.) 4, W. Higdon 5, H. C. Lintern 6, J. Lintern 7, A. Lintern 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. — At All Saints' on March 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Piper 1, J. E. Pennells 2, C. A. Levett 3, J. Downing 4, G. S. Piper 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 5.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Peacock 1, J. Fowler 2, J. Groves 3, C. Wright 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, S. F. Carter (Bengeo, Hertford) 6, J. Sitch 7, F. Freestone 8. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 4.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On March 28th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kennington 1, S. Broomfield 2, Miss G. Rusby (first quarter Stedman) 3, W. Mumby 4, J. Kennington 5, J. Parker 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

KESWICK.—On March 29th, at Crosthwaite Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Grisdale 1, J. Ling 2, D. Davies (first 'inside') 3, H. S. Grisdale (first in method) 4, R. F. Grisdale 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, B. D. Price (cond.) 7, C. W. Woolley 8.

KING'S SUTTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Wyatt 1, E. C. Pearson 2, J. W. Barber 3, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 4, H. Timms 5, E. E. Pearson 6, W. J. Cross 7, J. S. McGinlay 8. First quarter by 1 and 8.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wright 1, L. Smith 2, A. Franklin 3, Miss Peggy Wilshire 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wilshire 6. Silver wedding compliment to N. L. Locke.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS. — On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Grain 1, M. J. Thurmott 2, O. A. Needham 3, J. B. Rowsell 4, R. H. Bullen 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, G. Vail 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL. — On March 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Bissat 1, A. J. Hicks 2, C. E. Taylor 3, C. Sangwin 4, T. Myers 5, F. Sangwin (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—At St. Mary's on March 28th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Lockey 1, R. E. Lester 2, C. H. Harding 3, R. J. Sharp (first in method as cond.) 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, C. E. Jefferies 6. First of Surprise by 1 and 2.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): B. Flower 1, G. Comer 2, G. M. Hasell (cond.) 3, Miss Hilda Prescott 4, F. S. Short 5, W. J. Prescott 6. First quarter in two methods by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Primrose, Norfolk, Annable's London, Hull, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

PERCY SMITH	*Treble*	STANLEY MURPHY	4
ERIC SMITH	2	DUDLEY PAUL	5
WILFRED YOUNG	3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.
First seven Surprise method peal by all the band and by resident ringers for the Association.

DOWNHAM. ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*HERMON E. OLIVER	*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	4
WILLIAM S. MAY	2	GERALD FROST	5
FRANK C. MAY	3	HARRY TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in more than one method.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*HAROLD KILBY ...	*Treble*	*JOHN MORRIS	4
*ALAN CATTELL	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
*NEVILLE MOYES	3	ERNEST MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal in four Minor methods, also on these bells.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	*JACK W. DREWE	4
WILLIAM E. TURNER ...	2	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	5
MISS FREDA M. POOLE...	3	WALTER H. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

ALFRED R. DAWES	*Treble*	F. STEDMAN POOLE ...	4
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	2	GEOFFREY DODDS	5
C. JOHN DICKINSON ...	3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.
A wedding compliment to Christopher and Margaret Woolley.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

*IVOR SPARKS	*Treble*	*FRED L. ANDREWS ...	4
LLOYD MCCREADIE ...	2	H. PERCY SPARKS ...	5
WALTER J. TYLEY ...	3	JOHN BARTLETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. PERCY SPARKS.
* First peal. In memoriam Mrs. M. S. Ridley, O.B.E.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. I. J. RICHARDS	*Treble*	*LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM	4
*MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM	2	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ...	5
*†JACK R. WORRAL ...	3	*JOHN CHALLENGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Doubles.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	TREVOR PRITCHARD ...	4
GEORGE LATHAM	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
RAYMOND THAIN	3	THOMAS WITTS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
First peal on the bells.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MISS ELIZABETH CARTER	*Treble*	†FREDK. G. BEDDOW ...	4
F. HECTOR BENNETT ...	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	5
A. EDWARD REEVES ...	3	WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. A wedding compliment to Miss Erica Hatton-Owen.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and 1 Morris' 240. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*DAVID G. GUNNER	*Treble*	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ...	4
*FREDK. E. MANSER ...	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER ...	5
*WILLIAM MANSER ...	3	*HENRY J. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.
* First peal. First as conductor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob and three Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON	2	PETER BORDER	5
*STANLEY GILBERT	3	HERBERT FIELDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in more than one method on working bell.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*ROSLYN M. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	ALBERT E. BRISTOW ...	3
†MARGARET D. REEVES...	2	HAROLD FOLWELL	4
WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Mar. 30, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 78, NEW ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's with three variations.

JOHN N. JUKES	1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG	5-6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
First peal of Grandsire Minor by all.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JILL BRITTAIN	1-2	*ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN ...	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	*PETER R. LAYTON	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on handbells.

LETTERS

SPLICED TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to note the peal of four Spliced Triple methods rung at Hastings. This prompts me to ask if more than four methods with two hunts can be spliced, and how many changes of method were made.

Would it be possible for the composition to be published or sent to me?—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

20, Stanton Drive, Chester.

ENGLISHMAN'S MUSIC

Dear Sir,—A programme entitled 'The Englishman's Music' is being broadcast by the B.B.C. on St. George's Day, April 23rd, which includes bells, both tower and hand. I sincerely hope that all ringers, together with those who love the sound of bells, will inform the B.B.C. of their opinion of the programme. Fans of other types of programme don't fail to send in their opinions; therefore, let us convince the B.B.C. that there are thousands of us who enjoy listening to bells sending forth their message of peace and goodwill over our beloved English countryside.—Yours, etc.,

LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

PEAL SNATCHERS

Dear Sir,—What exactly is the meaning of the term 'Peal Snatcher.' Is it eulogistic or opprobrious? Would you say those great leaders of those great companies at Leicester, Birmingham or Lincoln are peal snatchers? If so the term must be eulogistic. Or would you say a district like this Canterbury District of the Kent County Association consisted of peal snatchers? They rang only four peals in 1947 out of a total of 151 for their Association. This incidentally was above the average for the past years. This term was used to me in a letter recently written by a ringer at Canterbury Cathedral and I am in a dilemma. I do not know whether to regard it as a term of eulogy or opprobrium.—Thanking you, yours faithfully, W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

SURPRISE METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Sir,—A method first rung in 1907 as 'Superlative Surprise, Rochester variation'—Superlative with the whole pull moved from seventh's to the lead—has recently been rung again and the point arises as to what the method should be called.

It is the accepted practice for a band to name a method that is rung for the first time. History also tells us that a split lead method acquires a new name—Yorkshire and Belgrave, for example. It seems logical that this should be so, for the work of the parent method is somewhat drastically changed in its offspring. The obvious name for the method under discussion is Rochester, but this was appropriated in 1924 by the Leiston men when they were threatening to exhaust all the place-names in the country. Perhaps Southgate would be acceptable since the method was first rung there.

The Exercise may possibly pardon those responsible if the 'Rochester variation of Superlative' is renamed Southgate. To do this is setting no precedent, for the Central Council Methods Committee very rightly renamed a number of Minor methods of the comic variety, and at least one Royal method has taken on a territorial name in place of a purely personal one.

It is surely unfortunate in the first place that the name Superlative was chosen, but there followed Champion. Premier and Supreme—names which do not appear in their literal sense justified. And we still tolerate Primrose—though, mercifully, few breathe the name—and at least two methods were named after princesses. The reform of our Surprise method nomenclature certainly appears to be overdue.—Yours faithfully,

Norwich. NOLAN GOLDEN.

ATTEMPT ON HANDBELL RECORD

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that, all being well, five members of the Ely Diocesan Association will attempt 10,800 Bob Royal on handbells on Sunday, May 2nd.

Further details may be obtained from myself.—Yours sincerely, E. J. LINDLEY.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

10,800
23456 W M

42635 — —
62534 —
56423 — —
25463 —
42356 — —

Eleven times repeated, calling single for bob at M in second course of 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th parts and adding S at H halfway and end.

Adapted from Benjamin Annable.

EXTREME IN GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—On page 31 of 'Grandsire' I find a call by the name of 'Extreme.' Can you tell me when and how it was dropped from general ringing in Grandsire Doubles?

An Extreme is rung this:—

24351
23415
32145 E
31254
13245
13425
31452
34125
43215
42351

Scale from Rounds 2345 5342

We all know the ten standard callings of Grandsire Doubles using bobs and singles, but with the Extreme another 32 six-scores are possible.

Thus for a peal of Grandsire Doubles there can be 42 six-scores all different, but would this be a legal peal in the eyes of the Central Council?

In all the books that I have seen I have never gathered any information on this subject.

Can this call be extended to Triples upwards?—Yours sincerely, E. V. WILLIAMS.

Redruth.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN E. MILLER.

For 54 years captain of the ringers of Christ Church, Southgate, and for the last nine years verger, Mr. John E. Miller died on March 31st, aged 72. He was a foundation member of the Middlesex County Association and a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. His peals numbered about 150 and ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise.

The funeral service was held at Christ Church, on April 6th. About two dozen members of the Southgate band, past and present, and other ringing friends attended, including Mr. W. Ayre, Master of the Cumberland Youths, and Mr. A. W. Coles, of the Middlesex County Association.

In the evening as a last token of respect the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, R. W. Green 4, S. G. Peck 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, H. Miller 7, J. G. Nash 8, S. Wade (conductor) 9, M. Fensom 10.

THE REV. W. R. D. MILLS.

The Rev. W. R. D. Mills, Vicar of Collaton St. Mary, Paignton, since 1933, died on April 6th after several weeks' illness, aged 64. Although he did little ringing, he was for 12 years an efficient chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch, and only retired at the end of last year. He was a prominent Freemason.

The funeral took place on April 9th. The local ringers, who are members of the branch, attended and rang after the service. Also present were Messrs. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh (branch secretary), C. F. Austin and W. C. Wakley, of Paignton. A.L.B.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The decision of the Irish Association not to invite the Central Council to Dublin for 1949 has already been announced in 'The Ringing World.' Nearly 100 members attended the meeting at Dublin, where they were entertained to lunch and tea by the St. George's Society.

The Murphy Cup competition for striking was won by St. George's, their team consisting of five ladies and three men.

Mr. William Pratt, president, was in the chair at the business meeting, when 33 new members were elected. To encourage juvenile members the subscription for those under 17 was fixed at 1s. per annum instead of the standard rate of 2s.

Life membership was conferred on Mr. Daniel Kennedy, president of St. John the Baptist's, Dublin, and Mr. J. S. Gibb, Kilkenny. Waterford was selected as the place for next year's meeting. The attendance shield was won by St. Macartan's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. W. Pratt, Holywood; vice-presidents, the Rev. E. S. Barbour, Mr. S. J. Evans and Mr. G. E. Jones; Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; hon. secretary, Mr. Fred E. Dukes; Central Council representatives, Messrs. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody.

NOTICES

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Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. T. Grice is now 7, Council Cottages, South Street, Barming, near Maidstone, Kent. 3392

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

UNIQUE OFFER. Complete set 28 handbells, perfect condition. Best offer.—A. J. Baggs, 53, London Road, Calne, Wilts. 3389

WANTED

Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods (Central Council Edition); Snowdon's Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Must be in good condition.—Write Box No. 2417, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Guildford. 3417

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

RINGER seeks lodgings in London, reasonable travelling distance of Whitechapel.—W. Theobald, 14, Epworth Road, Copnor, Portsmouth. 3390

MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Farnham Royal, Slough, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Non-members welcomed. Gentlemen cordially invited.—F. E. Davis, District Sec. 3291

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Lower Peover, April 24th. Bells ready 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—H. Howard, Hon. Sec. 3350

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 24th. Bells, Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas', from 3 to 4.30. Service, Cathedral Church, 5.30. Meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 6.30. Tea interval 4.30 to 5.15. Make own arrangements.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 3318

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlow, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3323

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Next meeting, Hessle (6), on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (3s. each) 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 3328

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing commences at 2 p.m. 3365

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Wirksworth, April 24th, 3. Tea 4.30. 3369

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bruton, April 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 3348

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Wrotham (8), April 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3380

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Swanscombe (8), Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Room and business meeting. —B. W. May. 3387

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, April 24th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3309

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice meeting at Blaxhall, near Woodbridge, April 24th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. No tea. Saxmundham district members, please attend. — W. Smith, 8, Leiston Road, Aldeburgh. 3420

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood (6), May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 28th to T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3358

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Pulham Market (8), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Memorial Hall for those who notify by April 26th. Also Pulham Mary (8 bells) during evening.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 3379

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Wiggenhall St. Mary (6), Saturday, May 1st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3378

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting at Broadclyst, May 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 25th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 3381

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 1st, All Saints', Isleworth, 3-8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus 37 from St. Margaret's, Isleworth, or Hounslow East Stations. Middlesex Association members specially invited. Names for tea early.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3384

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — Meeting, West Coker, Saturday, May 1st. Service 4.30, Early notification for tea essential. — F. Farrant, Marlock. 3368

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, May 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by previous Thursday.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3428

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Ardingly, Saturday, May 1st, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3430

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, May 1st. Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8) available at 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by 28th inst., otherwise no tea will be provided.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 3359

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. —Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. J. Masters, 17, Burns Avenue South, Houghton-le-Spring, by April 29th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 3396

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Madley, May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Numbers to J. W. Downes, Roundway Cottage, South Bank Road, Hereford. 3394

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Next meeting, Long Buckby (please note change) on Saturday, May 1st. Names for tea to me by April 27th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 3395

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst on Saturday, May 1st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3392

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Claines, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday, April 27th.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3401

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7 p.m. for the election of officers, etc.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival at Mere on Saturday, May 1st. Annual meeting in the Grove Building at 2 p.m. Guild service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, the Master, Rev. C. Carew Cox. Collection for Bishop's Appeal. Tea (1s. each) Grove Building, 4.45 p.m. Towers available: 8 bells, Mere, Gillingham, Warminster, Wincanton; 6 bells, Bourton, Zeals, Stourton, Longbridge Deverill, Dinton, Hindon, Motcombe, East Knoyle, Semley, Wilton; 5 bells, Sedgehill, Silton. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the Secretary by Monday, April 26th, at the latest.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 3391

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek (10), Saturday, May 1st. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs. 3388

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Evesham, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.). Names for tea by Monday, April 26th.—Wilfred J. Newman, Sec., 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3386

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sandhurst (6) 3 on May 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. E. Boulding, Windyridge, Sandhurst, Hawkhurst, not later than April 29th. 3382

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Meeting, Rayleigh (8), May 1st. Ringing 3 to 8. Arrangements made for tea 5 to 6. This is a meeting for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome.—F. V. Gant. 3398

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wotton-under-Edge (8), May 1st. Bells at 3. Tea 5. Service 6. Names for tea by April 28th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 3403

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting, May 1st, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8). Usual arrangements. All members are asked to make special effort to attend. Important business to discuss. 3404

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Whalley, May 1st. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3399

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3397

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Whiston, Saturday, May 1st, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham, by April 29th.—H. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 3400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. No business. Yorkshire Surprise. 3405

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewerby (10), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Bring your own food; cups of tea provided. 3407

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 27th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3409

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by April 28th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 3408

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kirkby Mallory, May 1st, at 3. Tea provided 5. Names to F. Deacon, Windy Cot, Kirkby Mallory, Leics, by April 29th. 3414

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Buckingham (8), Saturday, May 1st, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 3414

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Practice evening, Moreton (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3418

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cawthorne, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. H. Rusby, Maltkiln Row, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, not later than April 28th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3422

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Whittington, May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Tuesday to J. Skeats, Sec., 16, Scale Hall Lane, Lancaster. 3424

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Radcliffe, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Bailey Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, by Tuesday, April 27th. 3426

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3425

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. St. Chad's (8) also available after meeting until 9 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) served in the Bennet Road Institute 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. P. J. Johnson, 53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds 6, by May 4th. Meeting in Council Room, same premises, immediately after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3393

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Cuddesdon (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by May 5th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon. 3351

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Eagle (6), May 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea only for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. — John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 3423

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 8th. Service, St. John's, 4.30. Tea 5, St. George's Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Ringing arrangements later.—W. J. Root. 3412

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Apsley End (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to E. J. Upton, 18, Basil Road, Hemel Hempstead, by Wednesday, May 5th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 3427

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, May 8th. Bells (10) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 only to those who notify by May 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 3432

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, May 8th. Cups of tea only. Names by Friday, April 30th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, Rugby. 3416

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, May 8th, Brighton. St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's 2, Good Shepherd 7.30. Service, St. Nicholas', 4. Tea (only to those who notify by individual names to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by May 3rd) at Union Church Hall 4.45. Rail fare allowance above fares costing 2s.—S. E. Armstrong, General Secretary. 3415

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SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Reigate, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (10) 3. Tea 4.30. Names to W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield, Reigate, Surrey, by Wednesday, May 5th. Names for summer outing by this date, please.—J. W. Knight. 3410

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Saturday, May 8th. Service 4.15. Other arrangements as usual. Names for tea, please, by Monday, May 3rd, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3419

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Whit Monday. Guild committee meet Church Hall, 2.45. Service 3.30, All Hallows'. Tea 4.30, Gloucester Hall, only for those whose application reaches Guild secretary by May 8th. Bells: Earls Barton and Finedon, 11 to 1; Wellingborough, 1 to 3.30; Great Doddington and Wilby, 1 to 3. After meeting all above, also Irthlingborough, Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston and Bozeat. — Robert G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 3357

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Hereford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service (Cathedral) 3.30. Tea (Garrick Hotel) 4.15. Business 5. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), 11.30: Cathedral (10), noon. Notify tea before May 14th. — Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 3406

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MORE ABOUT THE GROUP THEORY

DOCTOR JOHN E. SPICE'S article on a Mathematical Theory of Change Ringing has created interest. Squadron Leader A. York Bramble suggests that the application of Group Theory to problems in change ringing is very timely. 'There have been,' he writes, 'frequent "mathematical" considerations of it; but hardly anyone, apart from the late W. H. Thompson, had hitherto set out any specific treatment of the subject in truly mathematical or "scientific" fashion. Only a week previously we read a note by one claiming originality in, and by inference, I think, mathematical (or scientific) consideration of, some aspects of the theory of change ringing; but these claims can hardly be substantiated.'

Mr. Brian D. Price, while welcoming Dr. Rankin's work with enthusiasm, writes that it would be a mistake to think that it is the first thorough approach to Group theory in change ringing that has been made. Rather it is that such advances have not been made public simply because there has not been a demand for such knowledge among ringers.

His letter continues: 'After a study of W. H. Thompson's papers, it is clear to me that he knew much more of Group Theory than Dr. Spice's article would suggest. The so-called Thompson Papers in "Grandsire" are not the originals, but rather a much-simplified extract of them from the point of view of the practical composer. Last year I made efforts through his relations and associates to find any remaining papers and to preserve his unpublished works (he died in 1934 at Brighton). The Central Council ought to have these in its library. Where are the genuine Thompson Papers?

'There are three good reasons for knowing that Thompson was conversant with Group Theory. Firstly, he used the dodecahedron for plotting the lead-ends of Grandsire Triples. This in itself has a very deep connection with Groups. Secondly, he almost completely explored part composition of peals of Grandsire Triples (I have found only one plan that he missed). This involves an exploration of sub-groups among the lead-ends. Thirdly, from his handling of Q-sets, not only in the well-known case of the extent of Grandsire Triples, but also in the part-diagrams of his, and in using various singles and other calls, it is clear that he knew the general law of Q-sets.

'In 1944 I proved the general law of Q-sets as follows: "When an odd-membered Q-set is altered in calling it does not alter the oddness or evenness of the total number of round blocks." Similarly, substituting "even-membered" and "does alter." This law is only operative for one-way traffic through the Q-set. For instance, one can compose the extent of Original Minor with bobs only. This may be what Dr. Rankin has proved. I am convinced that W. H. Thompson had proved it too.

'Another law I proved, which W. H. Thompson must have known, is as follows: "It is necessary and sufficient for the part-ends of a composition in similar parts to form a sub-group." There is a definite technique in part-composition utilising Groups with which composers such as John Carter, Law James, J. W. Parker must have been familiar, although they may not have known the term "Group." John Carter could not have composed his odd-bob peals of Stedman Triples by trial and error.

'It is my humble opinion that processes such as splicing Surprise methods, or composing the extent of Bristol Surprise with the tenors together, can never be done by any other than "ad hoc" methods.'

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BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 4 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 41¼ cwt. in C.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	DANIEL D. COOPER ...	7
JOHN THOMAS	2	THOMAS G. MYERS ...	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ...	10
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN... ...	11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6	FREDK. E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

TEN BELL PEALS

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
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On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	ALAN WHITE	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
*LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	8
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
ERIC A. DENCH	5	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Mr. C. W. Woolley and Miss M. D. Telford and to Mr. K. S. B. Croft and Miss M. M. Lyon.

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On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE	*Treble*	§ALAN F. THIRST	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	‡SQUIRE CROFT	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	8
†MRS. K. F. J. PARR ...	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	9
‡N. G. HOLLINGWORTH...	5	JAMES BULLOCK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First of Kent Treble Bob Royal. § 50th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., April 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ...	6
*ALLAN ELLSMORE	2	ARTHUR BOTTERILL ...	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	HENRY E. GREEN	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	5	AUBREY M. PICKERING...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
No. 3 version. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

E. JOAN SALMONS	*Treble*	FRANK E. DARBY	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ...	2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER	7
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*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	9
JOHN F. GALYER	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5023 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. J. COTTERELL	*Treble*	GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	6
*MRS. J. E. TURLEY ...	2	SIDNEY BRIGGS	7
HAROLD PAILING	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	FREDK. A. SALTER ...	9
WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	5	WALTER NICHOLS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt.

RALPH COLES	*Treble*	*MISS M. I. GOODSHIP	6
FRED HAYES	2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP...	7
*MISS DOREEN COKER ...	3	ROLAND BIGGS	8
*MISS SYLVIA COKER ...	4	WALTER LEE	9
†GEORGE MARTIN	5	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Royal. † 600th peal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON...	*Treble*	†DOROTHY E. BEAMISH...	6
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	†ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	7
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	3	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON...	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	5	LEONARD TREVOR ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor, on the bells and for the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 46 cwt. 6 qr. in B flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	T. MARK WHITE	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ...	6
JOHN H. HUNT	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD	*Treble*	†OWEN J. ROGERS ...	5
*DAVID A. ROGERS ...	2	‡HUMPHREY W. GARDNER	6
†PETER CHILDS	3	LEONARD DAY	7
ARTHUR EDWARDS ...	4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT	*Tenor*

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On Sat., Apr. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

William Fernley	*Treble*	*Eric Simpson	5
*Miss June Henshaw	2	Arthur Hibbert	6
Wilfred Stevenson	3	James A. Milner	7
James Fernley	4	Joseph Wittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by James Fernley.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. In honour of the wedding of C. K. Lewis and Mary Elkins. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Alan J. Brown	*Treble*	Tom Wilde	5
Mrs. C. W. Lawton	2	*Sydney Hough, jun.	6
Charles W. Lawton	3	John Worth	7
Alan A. Potts	4	Peter Laflin	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Washbrook. Conducted by John Worth.
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PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF SOUTHCATE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

George W. Howlett	*Treble*	*Nolan Golden	5
Jack King	2	George Sayer	6
*Eric G. Bennett	3	Ernest Whiting	7
Arthur G. Bason	4	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 100th peal together. The first peal in the method. Was rung as Superlative Surprise, Rochester Variation, at Southgate, Middlesex, in 1907. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	G. William Morris	5
John R. Mayne	2	Cecil C. Mayne	6
Walter Sparrow	3	Richard E. Price	7
William Welling	4	Tony Price	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Hunt. Conducted by Tony Price.
First peal in the method as conductor.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Rung on the light eight. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*Gordon Benfield	*Treble*	John Hogg	5
Ronald H. Dove	2	Ernest H. Rayner	6
Fredk. Seager	3	Leonard Drake	7
*Arnold Cole	4	Frank Gibbard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Drake.
* First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire Triples in the tower since 1795.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Thomas Bevan	*Treble*	Arthur W. J. Butler	5
Frank Blondell	2	P. M. J. Gray	6
William Picthall	3	Thomas Collins	7
William Bunce	4	Herbert W. Impey	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Thomas Collins.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	Joseph A. Fenton	5
John E. S. Moreton	2	James F. Clarke	6
Alan Cattell	3	Ernest Morris	7
Leslie Rivers	4	John Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 3½ cwt.

Harold V. Cooper	*Treble*	Geoffrey Westwood	5
Reginald Chance	2	†Joan Salmons	6
John Bass	3	Ernest F. Salmons	7
*Derek Wooldridge	4	Joseph Warr	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest F. Salmons.
* First peal. † First lady to ring a peal on the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*Miss Jean Metham	*Treble*	*Arthur T. Lowman	5
*Miss Betty Brown	2	*Cyril Ward	6
Charles McGuiness	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
*Charles E. Brown	4	Kenneth W. Mayer	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. H. Cross. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Double Norwich. A wedding compliment to Kenneth S. B. Croft and Madeline M. Lyon. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Sylvia R. E. Pipe	*Treble*	George Bennett	5
George W. Pipe	2	William J. Button	6
Leslie C. Wightman	3	Albert E. Whiting	7
George A. Fleming	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gulval,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part, 3rd half-part. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Victor Woods	*Treble*	Alan Carveth	5
Harry Miles	2	Eddie Sanders	6
*Marion Lidgey	3	Vivyan Williams	7
Geoffrey Taysom	4	R. George Clemens	*Tenor*

Conducted by Vivyan Williams.
* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*William Pye	*Treble*	†Ronald H. Dove	5
*Miss R. M. Elkington	2	*Jack Clegg	6
Miss Mary Walshaw	3	Richard Benson	7
Harold Walker	4	Clifford A. Vessey	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Clifford A. Vessey.
* First peal of Little Bob. † 250th peal. A wedding compliment to Miss Mary Elkins and Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis. Tenor 12 cwt.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

Charles L. Sadler	*Treble*	*John D. Rock	5
Joan Salmons	2	Geoffrey J. Lewis	6
*Leslie Evans	3	Ernest F. Salmons	7
Michael P. Moreton	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Pritchard. Conducted by W. F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Derek J. Gibbons	*Treble*	Mrs. D. E. Beamish	5
†Miss Margaret Beamish	2	John Gibbons	6
Miss M. V. Godderidge	3	J. W. Frank Trotman	7
Arthur H. Beamish	4	John Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. H. Beamish.
* First peal, age 13. † First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
On Thurs., April 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Rev. C. Carew Cox	*Treble*	Rev. E. G. Benson ...	5
Rev. J. H. B. Andrews	2	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg...	6
Canon R. F. Wilkinson	3	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	7
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	4	Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. S. Powell. Conducted by Rev. C. C. Cox.
In memoriam, Everard Slade Powell.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*Miss E. M. Fletcher...	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
†Miss Joan E. Withey...	2	Arthur D. Cook	6
Henry H. Fearn ...	3	H. James Turner	7
John S. Walton	4	George E. Fearn ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geo. E. Fearn.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Major.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

William Rose	*Treble*	William Waldron ...	5
Herbert Goakes	2	George Bush	6
Arthur Gibbs	3	George Jeffs	7
Jack Bluff	4	Norman Chaddock ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Daniel T. Matkin	*Treble*	Robert A. Routh ...	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	*Harold Atkins	6
Mrs. G. E. Watson ...	3	Arthur V. Davis ...	7
Geoffrey E. Watson ...	4	John Coles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	James Draycott	5
Margaret Beamish ...	2	Alfred Ballard	6
*Cecil E. Carr	3	Frank Trotman	7
Rev. C. Carew Cox ...	4	John Thompson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

Bernard S. Nichols	*Treble*	*Fredk. W. Soden ...	5
*Nora Honey	2	*Thomas W. Timms ...	6
*Frank Soden	3	William J. Dixon ...	7
†Harry P. Floyd	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter (C.C.C 98). Conducted by A. R. Pink.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

Frances A. Edgar	*Treble*	Alan White	5
Margaret L. Tutt ...	2	H. Peter Raynor	6
*David Gallop	3	Rev. C. Elliot Wigg...	7
Betty Spice	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by W. F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method for the Society.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*Leslie Darch	*Treble*	John Darch	5
Fredk. Lasbury	2	William L. Lambert ...	6
†James Evans	3	Sydney M. Bailey ...	7
Joseph Lovett	4	Charles Williams ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Sydney M. Bailey.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G flat.

J. Martin Thorley	*Treble*	F. Arthur Staveley ...	5
Ernest J. Padgett ...	2	Ernest Thorley	6
Charles Thorley	3	Frank Lord	7
James Thorley	4	Thomas D. Leask ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Lord.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

*Miss Bessie Carter	*Treble*	Edw. V. Rodenhurst...	5
John F. Butler	2	†Fredk. G. Beddow ...	6
William A. Farmer ...	3	Clifford A. Baron ...	7
F. Hector Bennett ...	4	Arthur Pritchard ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. Lockwood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method ' inside.'

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
B. Annable's. Tenor 14 cwt.

William Perkins	*Treble*	Arnold G. Moore ...	5
Edward Steele	2	†Geoffrey W. Beech ...	6
*Miss M. Rigby	3	Arthur W. Hall ...	7
William P. Deane ...	4	Charles H. Page ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Page.
* First peal of Major ' inside.' † First peal of Major.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's (7th observation). Tenor 23½ cwt.

*Bert Fletcher	*Treble*	Harry Wood	5
Harold J. Shuck ...	2	Eric Fletcher	6
†Albert Grice	3	John Goodman	7
Gerald Swallow ...	4	George Fletcher	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Goodman.
* First peal. † First peal ' inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung in iron frames.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

Mrs. A. Diserens	*Treble*	Noel J. Diserens ...	5
Albert Diserens	2	Reginald W. Rex ...	6
Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	3	*Edgar Humfrey ...	7
William C. Porter ...	4	Walter F. Judge ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal of Surprise, aged 78 years.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thomas Brooks' Variation of Thomas Thurstans' Four-part.

Thomas W. Hammond...	*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh...	5
Thomas Lee	2	*Thomas Rogers	6
Thomas S. Horridge ...	3	Thomas R. Butler ...	7
Thomas C. Larkey ...	4	*Thomas Marshall ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 118 changes of method. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ...	*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE ...	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	2	THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN...	7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	HORACE BELCHER	5
HERBERT LANGDON ...	2	JAMES BULLOCK	6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ...	3	ALFRED B. PECK	7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ...	4	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Owen T. Lewis, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Lewis, of Moorcocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks, and Miss Sarah S. U. Macgregor, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Macgregor, of Red Lion House, Chiswick Mall, London, W.4.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¾ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER...	*Treble*	HAROLD KENT	5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
*J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	3	ERNEST A. THORPE ...	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	*JOHN E. TURLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

(More peals on page 181)

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
*RALPH C. SPITTLE... ...	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal 'inside.'

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

RONALD F. LUNN ...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. PADGETT ...	4
JAMES THORLEY	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	3	CHARLES THORLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

First peal in five methods by all and on the bells.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of: (1) St. Simon's; (2) St. Martin's; (3) St. Matthew's; (4) St. Mark's; (5) Eynsham; (6) St. Leonard's; (7) Cassington; (8) St. Peter's; (9) London; (10) Union; (11) St. Nicholas'; (12) St. Giles; (13) Winchendon Place; (14) St. Miles'; (15) St. Blaise; (16) Fortune; (17) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (18) Northrepps Pleasure; and two extents each of (19) Stedman; (20) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (21) St. Columb; (22) Clifford Pleasure; (23) Southrepps Pleasure; (24) Plain Bob; (25) Kennington; (26) Old; (27) Norfolk; (28) April Day; (29) Grandsire; (30) Antelope. Tenor 6 cwt.

LOTTIE R. PIMM	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	3
NORA HONEY	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	4
ALAN R. PINK			*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 30 methods by all the band. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Many old friends will congratulate Mr. George Martin, of Boyne Hill, on scoring his 600th peal, one of Bob Royal at High Wycombe, which appears in the usual place. He is still going strong. Many will remember him as a leading conductor in the Australian and New Zealand tour.

Youlgrave, Derbyshire, is the 50th tower in which Mr. A. Firth has rung a peal.

Congratulations to Mr. Edgar Humfrey, who rang his first peal of Surprise at Goring-on-Thames at the age of 78.

Thorne, Yorkshire, tower was 'circled' on April 10th by J. M. Thorley, C. Thorley, J. Thorley, E. Thorley and T. D. Leask.

The peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Dodderhill, Worcestershire, was a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. John Morris, of the Worcester Cathedral band.

In acknowledging a composition, Mr. Alan R. Pink writes: I think the time is almost ripe for the Central Council to take a bit of notice of five-bell ringing and perhaps define more clearly what is permitted.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes to say that the Foot's Cray bells were not hung 100 years ago. One of his early recollections is of his father being one of the band at what he always understood to be the opening of the bells some 57 or 59 years ago.

Mr. Frank E. Pervin's concluding act in his Mastership of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Chilvers Coton. He thanks the local band for their wonderful hospitality after the peal.

The eight bells of Mansfield's ancient Parish Church have recently been removed from the tower to be recast at Loughborough. The weight of the tenor is to be increased from 14 cwt. to 18 cwt. Five of the bells date from the beginning of the 17th century, the oldest bearing the date 1603.

Ringing history was made by the handbell peal in Venezuela, believed to be the first in South America. Mrs. Roland Park, who rang the treble, joined her husband last year and prior to that had never rung a bell. Mr. Bernard Swinson, who has been a lone exile for some time, completed the team. After a little more 'coaching' the company hope to attempt a peal of Minor. Mr. Roland Park has now completed peals from Doubles to Maximus.

This week's circler: Mr. Cyril Ward, St. Giles', Lincoln.

Another Doubles feat from Oxfordshire. Latest total is 30.

The silver wedding of Mr. W. Insley, of the Leighton Buzzard band, was honoured by a quarter-peal of Grandsire on April 3rd.

Two pensioners and six youths composed the Sherborne Abbey band that rang the peal of Stedman Triples on April 3rd. The 'baby' of the party rang the seventh.

The peal at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, specially arranged for Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson, was the first to be rung with silencers in Bournemouth.

A reminder to Surprise ringers who have forgotten. Southgate Surprise is Superlative with the whole pull moved from sevenths place to the lead. When first rung in 1907 at Southgate it was described as Superlative Surprise, Rochester Variation.

Mr. Arthur F. Spooner, Prov. Grand Master of the Mitcham District of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, is anxious to arrange for an Oddfellows' band to ring for the special service at Margate Parish Church on Sunday, May 30th, in connection with the annual conference of the Manchester Unity. Would ringers attending the conference communicate with him at 83, Common Field Road, Banstead, Surrey.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

The first session of the twentieth Council (51st annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1948, at Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C. (by kind permission of the Master, the Rev. Canon Adam Fox, D.D.) 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 President for 1948-1951. Mr. E. H. Lewis retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1948-1951. Mr. G. W. Fletcher retires and is no longer a member of the Council (see Rule 7).
3. Election of Hon. Librarian for 1948-1951. Mr. W. H. J. Hooton retires and is eligible for re-election.
4. Election of Hon. Members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. Dean, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, sen., W. H. J. Hooton, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, E. H. Lewis, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, E. Alex. Young.
5. Election of Hon. Auditors for 1948-1951. Present Auditors: Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. E. C. S. Turner.
6. Loss of members through death.
7. Minutes of the last meeting.
8. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
9. Statement of the General Accounts.
10. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees, Messrs. E. Alex. Young and A. A. Hughes.
11. 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 reappoint or alter the constitution of the committees as may be considered desirable, and to appoint conveners of such committees.

(a) Standing Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, C. F. Johnston, J. F. Smallwood, A. Paddon Smith, A. Walker, P. J. Johnson.
Note: Two vacancies occur through the death of Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. R. Richardson, and two vacancies through members now being ex-officio, i.e., Mr. Turner as Auditor and Mr. W. G. Wilson as Convener of Peal Boards Committee. The ex-officio members are the President, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past officers (if still members of the Council).

(b) Peal Collection.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, G. R. Newton, C. W. Woolley and E. A. Barnett.

(c) Methods.
Mr. E. C. S. Turner retires and is eligible for reappointment.

(d) Peal Analysis.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover, W. Ayre.

(e) Records.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

(f) Towers and Belfries.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. Alex. Young, F. Sharpe, W. Osborn.

(g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, A. Walker.

(h) Peal Boards.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Mr. W. G. Wilson, Rev. C. E. Wigg, Mr. W. Ayre.

(j) Biographies.
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

(k) 'Ringing World.'
The following retire and are eligible for reappointment: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

MOTIONS.

12. ALTERATION IN RULES. RULE 13.
That the words 'Ringing papers' be deleted and 'The Ringing World' be inserted instead, as 'The Ringing World' is the official organ of the Central Council.
Proposed by Fred E. Dukes.
Seconded by John T. Dunwoody.
13. BOOK ON HANDBELL RINGING.
That the book on handbell ringing suggested at the 1939 Council meeting be completed and printed at the earliest opportunity.
Proposed by Fred E. Dukes.
Seconded by John T. Dunwoody.
14. That the late Mr. John Carter's Broadsheets of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques be reprinted and included in the list of publications on sale by the Central Council.
Proposed by George E. Symonds.
Seconded by Albert Walker.
15. To fix the place of the next meeting.
16. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.
The White House, Caister-on-Sea,
Great Yarmouth.

OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT BISHOP.

A regular Sunday service ringer for over 30 years, Mr. Albert Bishop died at his home at Burford, Oxford, on April 15th, after a long illness patiently borne. His kind and quiet disposition endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Bishop had only rung one peal—Grandsire Triples — but had taken part in many quarter-peals of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. He was a safe ringer and excellent striker. A widow and two sons are bereaved.

The funeral service took place at Burford on April 17th. In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples was rung by M. C. F. Collett 1, F. Soden (cond.) 2, B. J. Forest 3, T. J. H. Prince 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

MR. S. J. REDDELL.

Mr. S. J. Reddell, captain of the Yateley, Hampshire, band of ringers, died on April 10th. He had been a ringer for over 55 years and had rung many peals, his first being on May 1st, 1892. He was laid to rest close to the tower of his church, his own band of ringers acted as bearers, and many ringers from the surrounding district came to pay their last respects. He will be greatly missed.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Minor (540 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): D. Rooke (age 12) 1, D. Chadwick 2, R. Lucas 3, R. Hind 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

Hertford County Association

OPPOSITION TO DIOCESAN SCHEME.

A large number of members and friends attended the annual meeting at St. Albans on April 3rd, the southern half of the county being well represented.

Cathedral Evensong was attended, the preacher being the Rev. A. St. G. Coulthurst, Vicar of Aldenham. A boy soloist rendered very beautifully Handel's 'I know that my Redeemer liveth.' A collection was taken in aid of the Association Benevolent Fund.

Members then adjourned to the Christ Church Parish Room for tea, the junior members acting as stewards.

The business meeting followed, with the president, Mr. L. Fidler, in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Aldenham, Mr. G. W. Cartmel and the general secretary (Mr. W. Ayre).

The secretary, in his annual report, stressed the importance of obtaining new members, particularly in the districts having wider scope for expansion. He suggested that meetings be held at towers where change ringing was either at a low ebb or non-existent, and that greater efforts should be made towards breaking down district isolation, thus creating more unity.

The district secretaries' reports were read and accepted with appreciation for their services, the general secretary emphasising the fact that more support was required.

Forty-four peals had been rung, mainly in the south, with Mr. H. G. Cashmore as the leading conductor. Peals worthy of particular notice were Albanian Surprise Royal, Barnet, Jersey and Felstead Surprise, all rung for the first time; Surprise Minor in three methods (Northern District) and the all doctors peal.

The new president, Mr. A. S. Carter (Hertford), was elected, and the treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham) and secretary (Mr. W. Ayre) re-elected. For the post of librarian there were two nominations, Mrs. A. M. Fergusson and Mr. C. F. Sayer, the former being elected. Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley, R. G. Bell and W. Ayre were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

On the question of the formation of a Diocesan Association, it was agreed that 'no useful purpose could result from an amalgamation with the Bedfordshire Association having the above object in view.'

The amended rules were then dealt with, and after further amendments had been agreed upon, were adopted.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel then proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success. The Vicar of Aldenham expressed pleasure at being able to attend and said how glad he was to have his bells rung again after eight years' silence.

RESTORATION

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

After a silence of about ten years, the bells of St. Mary's, Bletchingley, have been put in ringing order. The bells were rededicated on March 27th by Canon R. H. Cragg, Rural Dean, and were rung at the dedication ceremony by the following members of the Surrey Association: D. Cooper, L. Penfold, W. Slaughter, E. Razzell, W. Claydon, G. Oliver, A. J. Bull and F. E. Collins. Ringing continued during the evening from rounds to London Surprise Major.

Ten years ago the main beams which carried the bell frame were found to be unsafe owing to damage by the death-watch beetle. This year the local builder and the architect, Mr. E. D. Jefferiss Mathews, O.B.E., have cooperated with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bellfounders, the outcome being a new oak undercarriage built for the bell frame by the builders and the bells hung on modern ball bearings by the bellfounders. The result of this work has put Bletchingley bells once more in good going order and worthy of the tower in which they hang. The Rector (the Rev. A. Aitken Crawshaw) is to be congratulated on getting the job done.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Savouring of a 'Wangle'

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has misunderstood the purpose of my recent letter. The difference between Double Norwich with a 4ths place bob and with a 6ths place bob is slight—so slight that it is difficult to understand why the conductor of the peal in question (who is far from being one of the 'lesser brethren') should have put to it a footnote which would at any time have been rather ludicrous, but which in these days was an unnecessary waste of space. The conductor of my second peal of Reverse Bob might equally well have put that it was my first in the method in which the bob was made when the treble was leading!

His other questions may, I think, be answered in this way. The Exercise as we know it has existed with little fundamental change for over two and a quarter centuries, during which time certain customs have been observed by ringers and composers alike. One, which Mr. Felstead regards as the first consideration, is that there shall be no repetition of changes in a peal. Another is that singles shall not be used in Treble Bob methods. It makes no difference to the listener or to the mental or physical effort expended by the ringers if either of these customs is broken, but to do so would be contrary to the general feeling of the Exercise, which has always rejected anything savouring of a 'wangle.' Thus as soon as it was found possible to produce peals of Stedman Triples with ordinary bobs and singles, all peals with extraneous calls, admirable though they may have been up to that time, went out of use at once. (Now that Treble Bob can be spliced at the lead-ends, 'Ilkeston' and similar mixtures should also be barred.)

As mathematical exercises, Lockwood's 9,120 of Treble Bob and Brian Price's peal of Cambridge with a single are undoubtedly very clever, but for practical purposes they are merely wangles, and no ringer with any respect for the traditions of our art could tolerate them to-day. The fact that several prominent ringers took part in the latter peal is all the more to be deplored.

The peals of Cambridge with a 6ths place bob are rather different, but there is a perfectly adequate selection of compositions available using the ordinary bob, the fact that the tenors are parted on occasions being immaterial.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

PEALS IN HOLY WEEK

Sir,—I feel sure that I voice the sentiments of many ringers in protesting against the ringing of peals in Holy Week. Recorded in your issue of April 16th are two eight-bell and six six-bell peals rung in that week, seven of which were rung on the Saturday. I admit that one of the eight-bell peals was rung in a secular campanile, but the listening public are not likely to differentiate between secular and church bells.

To discuss this matter at its very lowest level, it is surely a deplorable exhibition of bad taste that, on the day which is sacred to Christendom as commemorating the lying in the grave of our Lord, ringers should be found who consider that a peal is the most desirable method of recalling that event.

Critics of peal ringing activities are many, and it is surely laying the Exercise wide open to the hostility of all churchmen when practices such as that in question are indulged in. Moreover, as churchworkers, which is the fundamental raison d'être of all our organisations, ringers should avoid anything which may in any way bring church activities into disrepute.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ (Capt., R.I.N.).

Goring-on-Thames.

Three Answers

Dear Sir,—In reference to the letter of Mr. Felstead on page 148 of 'The Ringing World,' most fair-minded persons will be in full agreement with the first part of his letter, but his three questions and the last part of his letter are very controversial.

Question A: The 4ths place bob interferes with the structure of the method, and is, in fact, at bob lead of Double Oxford. Double Norwich has enjoyed a great popularity for half a century and there are plenty of good compositions available, so if the 4ths place bob is no improvement, why use it? Again, Double Norwich's only blemish is the unavoidable five pull dodging at the bobs. Why make this blemish worse by introducing three pull dodging underneath the five?

Question B: The objection here is that you open wide the door to all kinds of 'jiggery pokery.' Singles have no place in Treble Bob methods, but they are necessary in Plain methods if you want a good composition, otherwise you can only have in course combinations or extents. Re the 9,120, people used to ring 14 (360's) and 21 (240's) to a 5,040, but would such a performance be attempted to-day?

Question C: There is no objection here if it is an improvement. Mr. Felstead should read what Mr. Davies has to say of Cambridge in 'Surprise Methods.'

Now the last part of Mr. Felstead's letter. Truth is not the only consideration. Many years ago the Central Council laid down certain rules about methods, and we as ringers are wasting our delegates' time and our money if we do not observe these rules and decisions. Please refer back a few months to Mr. Smallwood's letter about the standard of ringing. If puts the matter in a nutshell.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

B. BLOCK.

MR. E. W. PYE'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. A. Barnett, I am sorry to say there is no mistake on my part with regard to the Superlative, although it was never published or rung until 1935, when Mr. Barnett called it as his own composition. The one in my possession is identical with that published in your previous issue of 'The Ringing World.'

With regard to Mr. Corby, if he wants to have a difference of opinion, he should first finish the correspondence on the Yorkshire at Loughborough.—Yours sincerely.

E. W. PYE.

Note.—The Loughborough correspondence was closed by the Editor.

A CHESHIRE WEDDING

The marriage took place at Bowdon Parish Church on April 3rd of Mr. C. K. Lewis, hon. secretary, Stockport and Bowdon Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, to Miss M. Elkins, hon. secretary, N.W. Area, Ladies' Guild. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frank Bonner, Vicar of Norbury, Cheshire, late chairman of the Stockport Branch.

The local ringers formed a guard of honour with handbells as the happy couple left the church. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Dick Elkins (chairman of the Stockport Branch). Miss Frances Laflin was the bridesmaid.

Peals were rung at St. Mary's, Bowdon, and St. Thomas', Norbury, in honour of the event.

BEOLEY BELLS

The historic ring of six at Beoley, Redditch, Worcestershire, have been tuned, cleaned and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at a cost of £711. The Rev. L. J. Birch, Vicar, writes:—

'The bill for the work on the bells has been paid—but we have yet to find £1,000 for tower repairs, a vast sum for a parish of 800 souls. Having considerably helped ourselves, some of your readers may be moved to help us.'

Clerical Ringing Week

Members of the Guild of Clerical Ringers met at Leicester, April 5th-9th. The party was made up as in 'The Ringing World,' except for the Revs. J. F. Amies, H. Benson, R. H. Palmer and B. F. Sheppard, who could not come.

A happy start was made on Monday at St. John's, Leicester, on a fine ring of 10 rehung by Taylor. The Press photographer, whose flashlight camera wouldn't work at first, found it impossible to comment as he would have wished.

On Tuesday, after Holy Communion at St. John's, we went to Loughborough, where during a most interesting tour of the foundry we saw several bells cast, tolled the bourdon bell for Liverpool Cathedral with its half-ton temporary clapper, raised the new tenor for Stratford-on-Avon and had the pleasure of sending her over the balance without breaking a stay as she hadn't one, had by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's kindness a delightful lunch, and showed how fast parsons can be when they like, on the top six in the foundry tower.

After a ring on the fine ten at the Parish Church, on to Quorn, then to Mountsorrel, whose eight hang in a mediæval tower attached to an ancient church restored to look like a Georgian drawing room. Thomas Drake (father of Herbert) was Vicar here. Tea with the present Vicar and his wife, and then back to Leicester and a delightful ring at All Saints', whose ringing chamber has been splendidly done up by Mr. Cattell. We were glad to see several learners here, including a girl of five.

On Wednesday to South Wigston, with its peal boards recording 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 6 hours 26 minutes, 'which must ever reflect credit on the performers'; also the record 17,194 Double Norwich Major in 10 hours 35 minutes on December 27th, 1904. Despite this encouragement, Bob Major 'went west' after 1¾ hours. Meanwhile the non-pealers missed a bus and went to Countesthorpe, seven in a taxi, at funereal pace. After all had rung at All Saints', Wigston, and lunched at South Wigston, the afternoon was spent at Earl Shilton and Barwell (two good eights), then to Hinckley, with a grand eight in a splendid church. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard here gave us a nice tea.

In the evening St. Margaret's, Leicester, was enlivened with a very talkative course of Stedman Cinques—reminiscent of well-known scriptural allusions to the crowd of prophets in the cave, 'great was the company of the preachers,' etc. It was a great pleasure to have Mr., Mrs. and Jill Poole, also the Morrises and Ernest with us.

On Thursday a peal of Bob Major was rung at Gilmorton in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell, and was his own composition. The others rang at Lutterworth and Claybrook Magna. After lunch at Gilmorton, the 'week' finished most pleasantly at Leicester Cathedral, whose fine 13 were greatly enjoyed, and at St. Saviour's, Leicester—a fine modern church, whose Vicar is a keen ringer.

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. C. Carew Cox; vice-president, Canon R. F. Wilkinson; hon. secretary, Prebendary E. V. Cox; committee as above, also the Revs. Elliott Wigg and A. G. G. Thurlow. Southampton was chosen as the centre for next year.

The Guild is most grateful to the various incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells, to those kind people who gave us tea, and especially to Mr. H. J. Poole for the splendid and painstaking way in which he made arrangements for us. A. G. G. THURLOW.

ORIGINALITY

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Cannon's letter concerning originality in composition, it is variously alleged that Leif Ericsson and Christopher Columbus discovered America. So did Amerigo Vespucci. And lots of Europeans since. Is the latest immigrant to have the credit too? J.D.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *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 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CYRIL S. JARRETT	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
CECIL C. BISHOP	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal in three methods. In memoriam Mr. W. G. Easter, of Gillingham.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDK. C. JOHNSON	*Treble*	GEORGE ADAMS	4
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ...	2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER ...	5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.
In memoriam Rev. C. H. V. Eva, Rector.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*MISS MAVIS KING	*Treble*	*JOHN TOYNE	4
†FREDK. G. NASH	2	‡RONALD TRAVISS	5
JACK BRAY	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. BIRD ...	*Treble*	*ERNEST F. NEWSON ...	4
KENNETH L. BROWN ...	2	*ALBERT E. COLEMAN ...	5
*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ...	3	*PETER KINDRED ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM ALLMAN ...	*Treble*	ALBERT H. BOOTH ...	4
THOMAS H. MATHER ...	2	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	5
WALTER ALLMAN	3	*DENIS MADDOCK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal in three methods.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*THOMAS SMITH (15)	*Treble*	†ALFRED W. CUSICK (16)	4
*A. K. HUMPHREYS (17)...	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	5
C. B. PEMBERTON (17)...	3	B. D. THRELFALL (19)...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores of Stedman, 10 of April Day, 10 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*MISS MAUREEN MABBUTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. CALLIS ...	4
*MISS BETTY CALLIS ...	2	RONALD C. NOON	5
GEORGE CARE	3	CHAS. W. PARTRIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS	*Treble*	*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	4
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	5
†JAMES H. COOKE	3	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SANDHURST, KENT.
HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,080 St. Simon's, 2,760 Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt.

MISS HELEN GORRINGE	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ...	3
WILLIAM GORRINGE ...	2	GEOFFREY S. WATERS ...	4
LAWRENCE POPE			*Tenor*

Conducted by LAWRENCE POPE.
First peal in three methods of Doubles by all. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 3, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN THE CHURCH BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD	5-6		

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.
To celebrate the wedding of Mr. E. W. Pye to Miss M. O. Broyd, daughter of the conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Apr. 4, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT 56, RANELAGH ROAD, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

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

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
First peal in the method on handbells for the Society and by all the band.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT QUINTA CADIZ, AVENIDA PANAMA, LOS CAOBOS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, standard callings. Tenor size 15 in D.

*MRS. ROLAND PARK	*Treble*	†ROLAND PARK	2-3
		‡BERNARD H. SWINSON ...	4-5

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal on handbells and 25th peal. Believed to be the first peal in South America.

SOUTHBOURNE, BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT 9, FISHERMAN'S AVENUE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

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BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
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Lancashire Association

A MOTION FOR DIVISION.

Oldham was the venue for the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association on April 10th with ringing facilities at the Parish Church, Glodwick, Leesfield and Moorside. The service was at the Parish Church, where an address of welcome was given by the Vicar (Canon Stephenson). A company of over 60 attended tea in the Burnley Street School.

The president (the Rev. F. F. Rigby) presided at the business meeting, supported by Canon Stephenson.

The committee's report records with regret the loss by death of 32 members. The present strength is 1,018, and with non-resident and hon. life members the total is 1,494. During the year 147 new members were elected.

Three branches had changed their secretaries and four their committee men. Owing to illness and business claims it was necessary to elect a new treasurer and ringing secretary. Three nominations were received for the new vice-president, the vote going to Mr. W. Taylor (Penwortham). From ten nominations for Central Council, Messrs. P. Crook, G. R. Newton, W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson were elected.

Next year's meeting is to be held at Liverpool. If the bells are ready it will be at the Cathedral, if not the selection of a tower was left to the branch.

Notice was given for inclusion on the agenda at the next annual meeting that the time had come for the Association to be divided into Diocesan Guilds and also that the membership subscription be increased to 2s.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Mr. F. R. Williams for his work during the past six years as treasurer, and their regret that his health would not let him continue. The faithful service of the ringing secretary (Mr. T. Wilson) for 11 years was recorded, and the general secretary (Mr. W. H. Shuker) was congratulated on his golden wedding.

The balance sheet showed a loss of £29. One item was £6 8s., which came in late, £4 was for extra 'Ringing Worlds,' and there were other items which would not appear again. The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

FIFTY YEARS AS MASTER.

Visitors can rely on a good reception at All Saints', Newport, and the 60 odd members who attended the annual meeting there on Easter Monday were not disappointed. All Saints' and St. Woolos' bells were available before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. G. Lewis.

An ample tea was provided by the ladies of the parish. The Vicar presided at the business meeting. When the question of Master arose it was pointed out that it was 50 years ago since Mr. J. W. Jones was first appointed Master, and it was thought to be a fitting tribute for the many years of faithful service he had rendered to the Association to honour him again this year. This was agreed to.

Two motions were lost; one to raise the annual subscription from 1s. to 2s. and the other to divide the Association into districts for administration purposes. Cardiff was selected for the next annual meeting with quarterlies at Machen and Llanbradach. Progress was reported from Machen, Bonvilston and Cowbridge. Blaenavon bells were expected to be ready by August and Abergavenny bells in by next month. Seventeen new members were elected, includning the whole of the Trevethen band and the newly-formed Bonvilston band.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Couch 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, C. Sullivan (first 'inside') 3, A. S. Richards (cond.) 4, B. Sullivan 5, R. Knight 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT. — On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Huckstepp (cond.) 1, P. Page 2, P. Huckstepp (first quarter of Triples) 3, T. Cullingworth 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, C. W. Everett 6, H. S. Wickens 7, M. S. Lancefield 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. W. Allen 1, E. J. Whiting 2, H. S. Peacock 3, R. F. Baker 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 2.

CROYDON, SURREY. — On April 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: G. Lodge 1, D. Cooper (cond.) 2, Miss J. England 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, C. Parks 5, E. Razzell 6, W. Oatway 7, D. Parsons 8, R. Davies 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins 11, F. E. Mitchell 12. First quarter of Cinques by 1, 3, 6 and 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. H. Treweek 1, G. S. Joyce (first as cond.) 2, R. E. Woods 3, C. X. Turner 4, P. L. Eldridge 5, R. H. Mills 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX. — On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Nelhams (first of Triples) 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, J. B. Sansom 3, P. Bettridge 4, H. Belcher 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Oliver 1, R. Collins 2, R. Andrews 3, D. Sleet 4, A. Boylett (first 'inside') 5, W. Saunders 6.

LLANELLY, CARM. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Evans 1, L. B. Hurren 2, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 3, R. Scudamore 4, G. Francis 5, A. P. E. Sage 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Burt (first quarter) 1, R. Franklin 2, F. Tindall 3, C. Heskins 4, A. Cross 5, A. H. Bates 6, W. Welling (cond.) 7, R. A. Welling 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On April 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Lawrey 1, L. P. Cook 2, J. D. Harris 3, J. Mead 4, A. L. Pearson 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 4.

SALISBURY.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Dalrymple (first quarter) 1, J. E. Figgures 2, A. Fry 3, L. A. Page (cond.) 4, F. L. Harris 5, J. Sutton 6, J. Maidment 7, W. Chalk 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on April 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. W. Pratt 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, L. W. Fisher 3, Miss M. Green 4, F. Nicholls 5, O. L. Perkins 6, G. H. Dunnington 7. F. Warrington (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1 and 4.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Howe (first quarter) 1, G. Church 2, R. Challen 3, H. Gearing 4, E. Marsh 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, M. Thomas 7, J. Arnold 8.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS. — On April 6th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss M. Clarke 1, E. Orland 2, K. R. Holtom 3, C. Hall (first quarter of Minor) 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, Mrs. E. S. Powell 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Boomsma (first quarter) 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, A. H. Warboys 3, T. G. Fox 4, A. T. Boomsma 5, G. Boomsma 6.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Clarke 1, F. Bishop 2, W. Damer 3, J. Sutton 4, Mrs. R. Anderton 5, P. Foote (first as cond.) 6, G. F. Hayson 7, H. Woodhouse 8. First quarter 3 and 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On March 28th, at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Matravers 1, F. Morris 2. W. Warren 3, W. H. Tarr 4, C. Williams 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Simons (first quarter) 8.

TODMORDEN, LANCS. — On March 29th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: John H. Wild (age 14) 1, Robert D. Uttley (age 14) 2, Jeffrey Plowes (age 15) 3, Colin R. Milthorp, R.N. 4, Derek Sanderson (first as cond.) 5, David A. Wild (age 13) 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 6.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Saltwood (6), May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 3358

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 1st, All Saints', Isleworth, 3-8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus 37 from St. Margaret's, Isleworth, or Hounslow East Stations. Middlesex Association members specially invited.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, May 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by previous Thursday.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 3428

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Ardingly, Saturday, May 1st, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3430

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Madley, May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Numbers to J. W. Downes, Roundway Cottage, South Bank Road, Hereford. 3394

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Claines, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3401

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Evesham, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.). — Wilfred J. Newman, Sec., 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 3386

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sandhurst (6) 3 on May 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3382

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX. — Meeting, Rayleigh (8), May 1st. Ringing 3 to 8. Arrangements made for tea 5 to 6. This is a meeting for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome.—F. V. Gant. 3398

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3397

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival at Mere on Saturday, May 1st. Annual meeting in the Grove Building at 2 p.m. Guild service 3.30 p.m. Preacher, the Master, Rev. C. Carew Cox. Collection for Bishop's Appeal. Tea (1s. each) Grove Building, 4.45 p.m. Towers available: 8 bells, Mere, Gillingham, Warminster, Wincanton; 6 bells, Bourton, Zeals, Stourton, Longbridge Deverill, Dinton, Hindon, Motcombe, East Knoyle, Semley, Wilton; 5 bells, Sedgehill, Silton. — F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 3391

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Whiston, Saturday, May 1st, 3 p.m.—H. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 3400

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Saturday, May 1st, 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service 5.30. 3409

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. 3408

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Practice evening, Moreton (6), Saturday, May 1st. Bells 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3418

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Radcliffe, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. 3426

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Pickering, Saturday, May 1st. Tea 4.30 p.m. at White Swan. Names to Mr. A. R. Holliday, 12, Maudon Avenue.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3433

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. No business. 3443

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, May 1st, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. (Liverpool Street to James Street Stations, then bus or via Lea Bridge Road). Invitation to attend memorial service and to ring at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 3442

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, May 3rd, 7.15 p.m., a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3385

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting, Hillingdon (St. John's), Monday, May 3rd, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—F. A. Finch. 3461

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Quarterly meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Yew Tree Farm, Ashford Bowdler. 3460

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. St. Chad's (8) also available after meeting until 9 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) served in the Bennet Road Institute 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. P. J. Johnson, 53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds 6, by May 4th. Meeting in Council Room, same premises, immediately after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3393

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be at Whitworth on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 3437

ST. PETER'S, STAINES.—A practice meeting will be held on May 8th (VE-Day, 1945) from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Lathbury. 3450

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, May 8th, Brighton. St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's 2, Good Shepherd 7.30. Service, St. Nicholas', 4. Tea (only to those who notify by individual names to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by May 3rd) at Union Church Hall 4.45. Rail fare allowance above fares costing 2s.—S. E. Armstrong, General Secretary. 3415

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, May 8th. Please send names for tea before Tuesday, May 4th, to Mrs. Wain, Church View, Church Lane, North Wingfield, Chesterfield. 3421

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Reigate, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (10) 3. Tea 4.30. Names to W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield, Reigate, Surrey, by Wednesday, May 5th. Names for summer outing by this date, please.—J. W. Knight. 3410

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Saturday, May 8th. Service 4.15. Other arrangements as usual. Names for tea, please, by Monday. May 3rd, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3419

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at Christ Church, Bootle, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Kindly let Mr. J. McKee, of 127, Springwell Road, Litherland 20, know not later than May 5th.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 3439

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deerhurst, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business meeting following. Names for tea by May 3rd.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 3436

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT.—Meeting at St. Patrick's, Patrington, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (3) only those who notify first post Thursday, May 6th, Mr. D. A. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington. — Albert E. Sellers. 3434

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3446

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Brading, May 8th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 3447

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, May 8th. All Saints' (6), Cathedral (12) and St. Margaret's (12) from 2 p.m. to 4; St. John's (10) 2 to 4.30. Service, St. John's, 4.30. Tea, St. George's Hall. 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 4th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 3448

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Littleport (8), Saturday, May 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3449

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting, Tuxford (6), Saturday, May 8th. Card for tea to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, by 5th. No names, no tea. — H. Denman. 3452

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, West Meon. Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by May 5th.—C. E. Bassett, Dis. Sec., Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 3454

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Breadsall, May 8th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by May 6th. 3445

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), May 8th. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Chaney, Swindon, Wilts. 3441

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual meeting, Kirtlington, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3453

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Grundisburgh, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. until 8.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food. Records will be made of bells in afternoon.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 3455

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, May 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 3444

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Cuddesdon (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by May 5th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon. 3351

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Eagle (6), May 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea only for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. — John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 3423

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Cartmel, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3463

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Apsley End (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to E. J. Upton, 18, Basil Road, Hemel Hempstead, by Wednesday, May 5th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 3427

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, May 8th. Bells (10) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 only to those who notify by May 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 3432

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, May 11th, please, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3451

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, May 15th, at 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3458

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Whit Monday. Guild committee meet Church Hall, 2.45. Service 3.30, All Hallows'. Tea 4.30, Gloucester Hall, only for those whose application reaches Guild secretary by May 8th. Bells: Earls Barton and Finedon, 11 to 1; Wellingborough, 1 to 3.30; Great Doddington and Wilby, 1 to 3. After meeting all above, also Irthlingborough, Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston and Bozeat. — Robert G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 3357

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Names for lunch not later than May 8th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 to 9 p.m.: Great

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Hereford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service (Cathedral) 3.30. Tea (Garrick Hotel) 4.15. Business 5. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), 11.30; Cathedral (10), noon. Notify tea before May 14th. — Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 3406

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Bangor, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service 2.30, followed by business meeting. Tea 4.30. Notification by Wednesday, 12th.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3459

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION INVITE CENTRAL COUNCIL DELEGATES and friends to a ringing meeting on Whit Monday. St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 5; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, 6.30 to 8.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 3464

ST. ANNE'S, STAMFORD HILL. — Dance and social will be held at St. Anne's Library Hall, Cissbury Road, N.15, on Saturday, May 29th, in aid of Bell Fund. Tickets, 2s., may be obtained from secretary (stamp, please). Bells available to ringing visitors 6 to 7.30. Dance 7.30 to 11.—E. J. Rowe, 8, Effingham Road, Hornsey, N.8. 3440

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual shield contest will be at Penistone, June 12th. Open to all members. All entries much reach me not later than June 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3457

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Will conductors of Association peals using compositions other than those of which suitable reference can be given please send details to the Peal Secretary, Mr. M. Thurmott, 18a, Market Street, Ely.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 3431

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BOURNEMOUTH

THE South of England Ringers' Rally at Bournemouth on April 24th was the second attempt of Mr. Arthur V. Davis and his organising committee, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart and Mrs. Marshallsay, to bring to the notice of the Exercise not merely the charm of Bournemouth and the surrounding countryside, but the beauty of its bells. And those selected for one tour—Wimborne Minster, Swanage and Kingston—in the words of Ald. A. F. Sharman, of Dunstable, were bells he could strongly recommend to anyone. A happy sense of sociability marked the proceedings at the dinner, attended by a company of 80; a day in the sunshine bringing an accompanying happiness.

One major regret, however, was uppermost in everybody's mind. Mr. Arthur Davis, the man with the vision of the festival, was absent. An abscess on his face kept him at home. 'Our enjoyment is somewhat tempered by our regrets,' was how Bishop L. H. Lang, the Assistant Bishop of Winchester, who presided, expressed the sympathy of the assembly. It was by no means a local gathering, visitors coming from as far afield as Birmingham, Worcester, Cheltenham, Newbury, London and Banstead.

Meeting on the eve of St. George's Day provided Bishop Lang with his theme in his words of welcome. St. George's Day was when they thought of England, and to those who had been overseas it was the picture of walking across the hills on the quiet Sunday evening and hearing the bells ringing. The bells to them meant the country they loved, and as the representative of one of the dioceses he would say they were extraordinarily grateful to the stalwarts of the belfry.

But the 'stalwarts of the belfry' are not always popular. It was the Rev. A. L. F. Williams, Vicar of St. Peter's, who told how he dealt with the complaints. 'Well, if you are allergic to bells, why do you live within 100 yards of them?' was his invariable reply. He always felt that the bells had a real message of spiritual things. A lady lying in bed in her last illness said to him, 'You have no idea what a comfort and inspiration they are.'

Other speakers also took up the theme of the complaints. The Mayor of Bournemouth gave his opinion, 'It is not the bells, it is their own nervous systems that are wrong.' The Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. R. P. Price, counselled, 'When people complain of church bells, do not be discouraged; it is our funny English way to grouse at what we value. I am sure in their heart of hearts they want to hear church bells.'

Hale and hearty, Mr. George Williams, the veteran Master of the Winchester Guild, was called to his feet. His mind went back to his first peal in 1884—the Guild was then only five years old—and that was the first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hampshire. He told of the getting together of a band to ring the first peal on the Priory bells of Christchurch in 1888. George's peal ringing days are over, but he can still delight in service ringing each Sunday.

Your Editor had also to acknowledge a gracious tribute to 'The Ringing World' by Mr. A. F. Martin-Stewart. An era of keenness and advancement in the art of ringing almost unprecedented was his report on the Exercise to-day. In the first three months of this year 586 peals had been rung, compared with 369 a year ago. A recent issue of 'The Ringing World' recorded 18 first peals, the equivalent if maintained of 900 a year, while ringers who were essaying something new that week were 107. He regretted that paper restrictions prevented full justice being done to such enthusiasm.

The question uppermost with our Bournemouth friends is whether the attendance of 80 justified the rally. The Rev. C. A. Phillips maintained that had basic petrol been restored there would have been a larger attendance, and that a number in the Midlands who had promised support were attending the dedication of the Rupert Richardson memorial at Lincoln. A personal note to our Bournemouth friends is that the rally was well worth the effort in the enjoyment it gave the visitors. Thank you one and all for a happy week-end.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

*H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	EDWARD T. LLOYD	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	HENRY H. FEARN	8
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	LEONARD TUFFREY	9
JOHN PINFOLD	4	LEONARD TREVOR	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	6	HERBERT C. SPENCER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

WILLIAM L. B. LEESE	*Treble*	†C. JOHN DICKINSON	6
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	ALAN WHITE	7
*DAVID GALLOP	3	H. PETER RAYNOR	8
FRANCES A. EDGAR	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	9
BETTY SPICE	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. FRANCES. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten tower bells. First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells for the Society.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN S. WALTON	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
JAMES F. HARVEY	5	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 200th peal. Tenor 24 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*ROBT. HARTLEY	*Treble*	JOHN B. FORD	5
*PHILIP A. CARTER	2	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE	7
ERNEST E. GOSLING	4	THOMAS J. FOWLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal. A 16th birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS	*Treble*	†G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
EDWARD STEELE	2	†GEOFFREY C. BEECH (14)	6
*MISS MARGARET RIGBY	3	ARTHUR W. HALL	7
WILLIAM P. DEANE	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER	*Treble*	*COLIN F. MILLS	5
*MARGARET E. GREEN	2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT	6
*JOHN L. F. UPTON	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	7
*LEONARD C. WELLS	4	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal in the method.

HANBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD HARRISON	*Treble*	GORDON HARRISON	5
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	GEORGE L. RODEN	6
NOREEN BRAIN	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
*ALAN FOSTER	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal on eight bells. First of Bob Triples by all the band.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HERBERT C. READ	*Treble*	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
JACK KING	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	4	GEORGE BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 in six parts in the minimum number of courses.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	*ROBERT LARKEY	5
*PHYLLIS BOOTH	2	*ROBERT GUY	6
THOMAS HORRIDGE	3	*GEORGE SKELLAND	7
*DENNIS BOOTH	4	*WILLIAM DEACON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.
* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS G. D. MURKITT	*Treble*	*MISS FREDA MURKITT	5
*MISS JOYCE HEARN	2	†DAVID H. PEARCE	6
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13)	3	GORDON W. LIMMER	7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by HY. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob away from treble.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY	*Treble*	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	3	HARRY ANDERTON	7
RICHARD BLAKEY	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

MISS MOLLY AMBLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	6
FRED DAVISON	3	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	7
HARRY DAVISON	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*GEO. E. W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	DENIS MADDOCK	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	P. SWINDLEY	7
*GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	HENRY O. BAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Major as conductor.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
JACK BAILEY	2	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ...	6
PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	7
GIRLING RIGBY	4	WILLIAM A. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by all except the ringer of the seventh, first for the Association and on the bells. Tenor 9¾ cwt

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	*ALBERT E. FLATTERS ...	5
*DONOVAN R. WHITE ...	2	HAROLD HARPER ...	6
CYRIL WANDER	3	FRANK DEWEY	7
HAROLD BARSLEY	4	*JOHN PETCH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK DEWEY.
* First peal of Grandsire.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	ERIC J. GILBERT	5
*NORAH M. BIBBY ...	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	*GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEO. H. RANDLES.
* 101st peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILFRED NICHOLSON	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN ...	5
†MISS M. A. P. BERTIE	2	†J. WILLIAM ROBSON ...	6
SAMUEL C. WALKER ...	3	†CYRIL MORDUE	7
FREDERICK SHERATON ...	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. To celebrate the christening of Christine Walker, daughter of the local Ringing Master.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HENLEY	*Treble*	‡DAVID H. PEARCE ...	5
*ARTHUR R. GALE	2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ...	6
†WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	3	H. WM. BARRETT ...	7
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	4	GEORGE GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob. ‡ First of Kent 'inside.' Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BATHWICK, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat

HERBERT MERRETT	*Treble*	†HAROLD L. PARFREY ...	5
JESSE HALLETT	2	‡EDWARD J. FRY	6
MRS. DORA EVANS ...	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
*ERNEST WHITE	4	KENNETH MEDWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal on the retuned and rehung bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

S. FRANK TUFFLEY	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX... ...	5
NOEL J. DISERENS ...	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	6
MRS. A. DISERENS ...	3	ALBERT DISERENS	7
GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ...	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*FRED W. THARBY	*Treble*	STANLEY CLARK	5
VINCENT TIPTON	2	GEORGE SAUNDERS ...	6
STANLEY BONES	3	RONALD SUCKLING ...	7
†WILLIAM H. ALEY ...	4	†PHILIP A. F. CHALK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.
* First peal. † First in the method. First peal as conductor (age 17).

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	5
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	6
WILFRED W. RING ...	3	*MARK W. MARSHALL ...	7
PERCY PAGE	4	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, 576 Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM JUDGE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	5
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
BETTY SPICE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
JAMES HIGGINS	4	*WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* 100th peal together.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

PETER BAKER ...	*Treble*	*NORMAN DAVIES	3
*LESLIE TIBBETS	2	MICHAEL CLIFFORD ...	4

EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... *Tenor*
Conducted by MICHAEL CLIFFORD.
* First peal. First as conductor.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	J. FREDK. MILNER ...	4
WALTER WHITE	2	FREDK. PICKARD	5
*ARTHUR FOWKES	3	ARTHUR E. CHILTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.
* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilson, of Attenborough.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 each of Trinity Sunday Delight, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	FRANK TRINER	4
WILLIAM CORFIELD ...	2	ALBAN JACK	5
CHARLES S. RYLES ...	3	JAMES WALLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Double Court, two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD A. FRANCIS	*Treble*	ERIC G. BENNETT	4
*GEORGE SELF	2	ARTHUR E. COOK	5
CHARLES V. ORVES ...	3	W. ARCHIE LOCK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.
* First peal. A wedding compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. M. Gwinnett.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

MARGARET D. REEVES	*Treble*	IAN A. MORRISON	4
ALBERT E. BRISTOW	2	HAROLD FOLWELL	5
DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER	3	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (12 callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	L. T. MAINWARING	4
THOMAS E. STEAD	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
FREDK. R. HARRIS	3	RONALD H. MEWIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN D. ROCK.
First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, on the bells and in the district.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS	*Treble*	*JOHN MORRIS	4
*HAROLD KILBY	2	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
ALAN CATTELL	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS. * First peal of Cambridge Minor.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*RAYMOND JONES	*Treble*	ALBERT E. DAVIES	4
L. T. MAINWARING	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
RONALD H. MEWIES	3	*JOHN WOOD	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	THOS. CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal 'inside.' † 50th peal.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*VALERIE L. A. WALLIS	*Treble*	COLIN F. MILLS	4
JOHN L. F. UPTON	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
LEONARD C. WELLS	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT. Tenor 11 cwt.
Seven different extents. * First peal. First peal as conductor.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

STANLEY R. COCKELL	*Treble*	HARRY PROUT	4
MRS. C. F. MILES	2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD	5
*P. W. J. HARDING	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.
* 50th peal for the Salisbury Guild.

BROCKENHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

*MICHAEL J. BENT (14)	*Treble*	*ALAN J. BUTLER (17)	4
COLIN W. REED (18)	2	HERBERT A. MITCHELL	5
*GEO. E. EVENDEN (16)	3	*BRIAN R. TILLER (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. TILLER.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., April 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT, 18, WESTBERE ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY DODDS	1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON	5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3-4	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY	7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

KINGSTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	1-2	JILL BRITTAIN	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

BEDFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., Apr. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
AT 1, BURNABY ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

*DAVID GALLOP	1-2	BETTY SPICE	5-6
MARGARET L. TUTT	3-4	*H. PETER RAYNOR	7-8

WILFRID F. MORETON 9-10
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal on ten handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 13, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor size 13 in E.

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL	3-4

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5-6
Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.
* First of Minor 'in hand.' First of Minor as conductor 'in hand.'

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK E. PERVIN	1-2	†THOS. W. SHEPPARD	5-6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3-4	‡WM. A. STOTE	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* 100th peal on handbells. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, four callings, and 30 of Grandsire, ten callings.

*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4

†MRS. G. E. WATSON 5-6
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 14, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OB ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 2 extents each of Reading, St Dunstan's, Old, 4 each of St. Bartholomew's, R.C Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, 6 of Stedman and 10 of Grandsire Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3-4

A. ERNEST MCGRATH 5-6
Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
First peal of ten methods in Ireland.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Apr. 14, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3-4

FREDERICK E. DUKES 5-6
Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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Success attended Mr. E. J. Lindley and his band in the 10,800 Bob Royal 'in hand' last Sunday. The time was 5 hours and 58 minutes.

Disappointment over 'Englishman's music' has been expressed by a number of readers, and copies of letters of protest sent to the B.B.C. on the subject have reached the Editor.

Alcester's ring of eight is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry on Whitsun Eve at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visitors in the Town Hall after the service.

Errata: The peal for the Hawkhurst and District Guild reported last week as rung at Sandhurst, Kent, was actually rung at Bodiam, Sussex.

First quarter-peals as conductor have been rung by H. Kirk (Burbage, Derbyshire), B. Salter (Wellington, Somerset), B. D. Threlfall (Birkenhead), J. Watson (Sheppey, Kent) and R. Posnett (Clewer).

Central Council delegates are advised that the best way to get to Skinner's Hall, Dowgate Hill, is by the Circle to Cannon Street or Tube to the Bank. It is about two minutes' walk from each station.

A queen wasp was an unwelcome visitor to St. Mary's, Bathwick, during the first peal on the rehung bells. It was promptly disposed of at the completion of the peal, which was a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. Jennings.

Stationed at the R.A.F. Camp, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts, are 12 ringers. They have been loaned a set of eight handbells by the Rector of Avebury, which they ring for service in the Station Church. They have hopes of ringing a peal of Minor for the Royal Air Force. Already they have visited 20 odd towers in Wiltshire.

Mr. T. J. Groombridge, jun., expresses his appreciation of all the kind letters and enquiries from ringer friends. He recently had a serious relapse in hospital and consequently is unable to reply personally. He is very disappointed that he cannot attend the Central Council meeting, but sends his good wishes.

Poughill, Devon, bells have been converted from a ring of six, tenor 8¼ cwt., to a ring of 10¾ cwt. by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. After dedication by the Bishop of Exeter a ringing competition was held for a cup given by Poughill ringers, which was won by Newton St. Cyres I.

The disastrous fire which destroyed the type of Mr. A. J. Corrigan's Surprise Major records has also held up the publication of Mr. Ernest Morris' new book, 'Bells of All Nations,' which was to have been issued within the next few months. Fortunately, the MS. has been saved.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Watts, of Hornchurch, Essex, celebrated their golden wedding on April 10th. Although not a great exponent of the art, Mr. Watts has always been very keen on bells and ringers. A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung in honour of the occasion by Miss Joan Peacock 1, A. Chaplin 2, C. Wright 3, D. Blows (first in method) 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. Carrott 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

Mr. Herbert Knight, who has been captain of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, for 50 years, entertained the local company to tea on April 17th. To mark his half-century he was presented with a cigarette case and lighter by Mr. W. H. Lawley, who had been a member for 40 years. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,259 changes, followed by J. Stokes (first quarter) 1, T. Smith 2, J. Williams 3, H. Knight (cond.) 4, H. Griffiths 5, T. Roden 6, F. Brotherton 7, S. Birch (first of Caters) 8, W. H. Lawley 9, G. A. Langley 10.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

TWENTY-THREE CONDUCTORS.

St. James', Clerkenwell, a church a great beauty yet surrounded by squalor, was selected by the Middlesex Association for their annual meeting on April 17th. The Rev. P. T. W. Tranter conducted the service, at which about 120 ringers were present.

In the crypt below the church the annual meeting was held after tea, Mr. W. H. Coles presiding. First business was an act of remembrance of those who had died during the year, the names being read by the chairman as follows: Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), K. Hart (Brighton), Rev. E. Bankes James (Surfleet), C. Pothecary (Mitcham), Rev. E. S. Powell (Stoke-under-Ham), J. J. Pratt (Hillingdon), R. Richardson (Surfleet), H. Street (Walthamstow), J. A. Trollope (Ealing), J. H. Wilkins (Walthamstow) and B. Windmill (Hendon).

The report presented by the hon. secretary recalled the activities in connection with the jubilee of the Society. A large programme of meetings was held during 1947, the attendances averaging 39 in the North and East District and 40 in the South and West District. New members elected totalled 71, consisting of one honorary, 17 non-resident life and 53 ringing members.

PEALS AN INCREASE.

Although the total number of peals rung (52) was 24 fewer than in 1946, there was an increase of 13 in those rung on tower bells. A satisfactory feature of the peals rung was the number of conductors. There were 23 as follows: C. W. Roberts (14), F. Corke and E. C. S. Turner (4), E. M. Atkins and C. C. Mayne (3), P. A. Corby, E. A. Dench, F. A. Finch, J. K. Mayne, T. J. Lock and W. Wenban (2), and T. G. Bannister, F. A. Barker, H. W. Barrett, H. G. Cashmore, A. W. Coles, F. W. Goodfellow, W. H. Hewett, W. J. Paice, T. Price, R. F. B. Speed, J. Thomas and E. E. Whitmore (1).

A noteworthy peal was one of Spliced Surprise Major in the four standard Surprise methods at Lambeth, in which all the bells rang the whole of the work of each method. This was composed and conducted by H. G. Cashmore and was the first peal ever rung with these qualities. The list of peals also included the first peals ever rung of Eastcote and Willesden Surprise Major, and the first for the Association of Aldenham Surprise Major.

Eleven members, P. D. Beedie, A. Bone, Miss A. Castle, Miss R. M. Davies, E. Dodds, Miss M. F. Emere, Miss P. Jackson, Miss P. Kitchen, A. H. Russell, A. Tozer and Miss D. M. Watts rang their first peals. Footnotes show that much progress was made by several members, who rang peals in a more advanced method. J. R. Mayne conducted his first tower-bell peal.

An exceptionally large number of quarter-peals was rung during the year. Of the 121 which have been reported, 26 were rung at Holloway. At least 50 members shared in the conducting.

The statement of accounts, presented by Mr. W. H. Oram, showed an excess of payments over receipts of £14. They hoped with the increase of subscriptions the accounts would go the other way next year.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane; active vice-presidents, Mr. A. W. Coles, Mr. W. H. Coles; Master, Mr. C. W. Roberts; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. L. H. Bowler; hon. auditor, Mr. E. M. Atkins; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Oram, T. J. Lock and E. C. S. Turner; Central Council representatives, Messrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, T. J. Lock, W. G. Wilson and A. W. Coles.

Mrs. Mayne urged that Mr. Turner be elected a member of the Council instead of an honorary member of the Council, in view of the fact that honorary members could be dropped.

Mr. Turner pointed out that such a step would deprive Mr. Wilson of his membership of the Council for three years. Mr. Wilson hoped to be about in six months' time.

Mr. Lewis Cockey thought it was a greater honour to be an honorary member. If Mr. Turner was dropped he was prepared to stand aside.

The meeting conferred on Mr. Lewis Cockey hon. life membership and decided that the same honour be extended to all members on completion of 50 years' membership.

It was agreed that the books and papers of the Association be kept at St. Augustine's, Kilburn. Mr. Lewis Cockey, in making the proposition, said he was very keen that all documents should be kept. In 50 years' time they would be valuable.

A discussion took place on the raising of funds for the memorial to Mr. C. T. Coles, which was to take the form of augmenting the bells of St. Mary's, Finchley, from six to eight. Finchley ringers had raised half the sum required, and Mr. Turner stated that he had received about £50, leaving £100 to be found. Mr. C. W. Roberts proposed that £12 standing in the Bell Restoration Fund should be voted to this purpose. This was agreed to and other suggestions made included arranging social functions and collections at Guild services.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. A. A. Hughes asking the Association to assist in the entertaining of visitors to London in connection with the visit of the Central Council. The Association agreed and a request was made by Mr. Turner for towers for peal ringing on the Saturday or Whit Monday.

Votes of thanks to those who made arrangements for the meeting and also to the officers were carried.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

Mr. Alfred S. Wightman, of Framsden, who died on April 18th, aged 84, was a member of the noted Wightman family of Cretingham. He had taken part in about 300 peals, which included 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham on December 26th, 1895, and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob at Coddenham on April 2nd, 1888. To both these peals he rang the tenor. The respective conductors were G. Wightman (brother) and W. Dye, and they are both on the active list.

Ringers at the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Messrs. C. E. Fisher, G. Fleming, W. J. Button, W. E. Maulden, C. W. Beecroft, W. Miller, A. E. Whiting and L. G. Brett.

THERE WERE TWO STUBBORN

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in 'The Ringing World' of March 26th the advice once given to my old friend and 'stable companion,' Harold Cashmore, concerning his inaptitude. Being 'colts' together, I was not aware there were two ugly ducklings, rather was I amazed at his early brilliance, and I still have vivid recollections of seeing him perform on an 'inside' pair to Stedman Triples wearing Boy Scout's uniform.

If, however, we were both stubborn to 'break in,' the time and patience required were not altogether wasted, for we can justly claim to have kept 'in harness' nearly thirty years, whilst so many have quickly galloped yet stumbled long before the last hurdle.

To learn and be endured in a 'Surprise' tower is very fortunate, and to those from whom I received help and encouragement I am ever grateful, not only for the joy of ringing, but for so many happy hours in company of friends it brought me up and down the country, for I quickly realised common interest binds together in a great fellowship members of our fascinating and noble art.—Yours sincerely, DAVID VINCENT.

Hale, Cheshire.

LETTERS

SURPRISE NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Golden's letter on Surprise Method nomenclature prompts me to write on another point—the tendency for 10 and 12-bell bands to confine Royal and Maximus methods to extensions of existing Major methods.

There seems to be a drift away from this in some quarters (as witness the recent peal of Albanian Royal), but in the past this fetish has produced three Variations of London Royal, the much debated Bristol Royal, and those monstrosities, Superlative Royal and Maximus.

It is, of course, justified in the case of Cambridge and Yorkshire, but has led to the neglect of thousands of fine Royal and Maximus methods, which have no counterpart in Major.

After all, the merit of a performance is not in any way enhanced by the fact that the name of a Major method is tacked on to a possibly dubious extension.—Yours sincerely,

Watford. H. G. CASHMORE.

UNNAMED SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—As I know that some bands are practising methods taken from my recent collection of 160 Unnamed Major Surprise Methods, it seems advisable to inform the Exercise through your columns that the following methods there given had already been named at the date of publication: A. G. Driver's No. 3 (Radnor/Royston)—the split-lead variation of this method (Sandringham) was one of the 100 named methods first published: Lindoff's Nos. 4, 11, 33, 34, 37, 48, 91; Mr. E. W. Tipler's A4-1, A5-1, A2-7, B6-1, B6-4, B17-3, D9-3, D22-5, F4-1, M2-3, and M11-m.

Since publication Mr. Tipler's D7-1 has been rung and named Withyham. I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the bands who rang Withyham Surprise Major on March 21st and Prittlewell Surprise Royal on April 3rd.

Pending the appearance of the full collection, which will contain nearly 400 Major Surprise methods, including all I know of that have ever been rung to a peal, I should be grateful to have notice of the adoption by any band of a method from the unnamed collection. I receive several requests a month for information, and this procedure would greatly minimise the risk of misleading any correspondent.—Yours faithfully,

Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

CHESHIRE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—On January 27th, 1948, the band at Frodsham rang a peal of an unnamed method composed by Mr. Nolan Golden and sent to me by Mr. A. J. Corrigan, of Bristol. We called it 'Cheshire Surprise' in the belief that there was no method of that name.

Since then Mr. Corrigan has been going through the Central Council Collection for a third series of Notation Surprise Methods and found that No. 105 was named 'Cheshire.' He cannot, however, find 'Chester Surprise' (Lindoff's 104). There is no trace of No. 105 having been rung. In the absence of information on this matter we intend to claim the name of 'Cheshire' for the method of Mr. Golden which we rang at Frodsham.—Yours sincerely, WALTER ALLMAN.

Runcorn.

ROCHESTER VARIATION OF SUPERLATIVE

Sir,—When we rang the first peal of the above in 1907 at Southgate, we should have been very pleased to have called it Southgate Surprise, but Gabriel Lindoff, who introduced the method, advised us to publish it as the Rochester Variation, as he considered it was only a variation of Superlative.—Yours faithfully, S. WADE.

Southgate Society.

SPLICED TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—For the information of Mr. J. W. Griffiths and other ringers interested in Spliced Triples, I would like to point out that several methods may be spliced in one peal. The main thing in ensuring the peal being true is to ring one method only whenever a selected bell is in the hunt, following being an example of how one in more than four methods may be made up: 2 in Hunt ring Grandsire, 3 in Hunt ring Court, 4 in Hunt Oxford, 5 in Hunt Hereward Bob, 6 in Hunt London, 7 in Hunt St. Clement's, and, in addition, one may substitute a full course of Double Grandsire for one of Grandsire, also some of the other methods may be used in the same way. The first peal of Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples was rung as follows: With 2-3-4 in Hunt Oxford Bob, 5-6-7 in Hunt Grandsire.

I have a composition of Spliced Grandsire and Double Grandsire with only six singles in the peal in which all the 46's, 67's and 74's occur at backstroke. I regret being unable to give figures of the composition rung at Hastings, as I am unable to find a record in my collection. Perhaps the conductor, Mr. C. A. Levett, will kindly oblige.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

23, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot, S. Wales.

5,040 SPLICED OXFORD BOB, GRANDSIRE, ST. CLEMENT'S BOB & DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES

Call 7th Before, Right, Before, Wrong, Middle (Right), Before, Wrong, in out 5, Middle, in out 5, Wrong, Before, Right, Before 3 times, Wrong, Before twice and Right. Repeat five times.

Omit the Right in brackets in alternate parts.

Oxford Bob is rung when 2 or 4 is in the hunt.

Grandsire is rung when 5 or 6 is in the hunt.

St. Clement's is rung when 7 is in the hunt.

Double Court is rung when 3 is in the hunt.

1,680 each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, 840 each of Double Court and St. Clement's Bob.

112 changes of method. A. J. Pitman.

Rung at All Saints', Hastings, March 13th, 1948, C. A. Levett, conductor.

THE ENGLISHMAN'S MUSIC

Dear Sir, — After hearing the B.B.C. programme, entitled 'The Englishman's Music,' I find it necessary to explain part of my letter published on April 23rd, the part being handbells. When this was recorded at Lavenham on April 13th it was compiled as follows: Three leads of Kent and one course of Stedman Triples on tower, Stedman and Maurice Symonds ringing four handbells each and Stedman with his fairy bells. Whilst we knew that all of this would not be broadcast, we never thought they would cut the handbells altogether.

To explain to those who are not aware of B.B.C. procedure: the programmes are compiled, the Council then cut them to their liking so, as Dr. Thomas Wood and Maurice Brown said, you never know what will be broadcast until the last minute. Also these two gentlemen promised there would be no talking during the ringing.—Yours fraternally,

Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE MILLS.

PEALS IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—May I say how entirely I agree with the letter from Capt. Poyntz in your last issue about the ringing of peals in Holy Week? I was surprised to see the record of them in 'The Ringing World,' and I cannot understand why the respective Vicars gave leave for their bells to be used at such a time. In our enthusiasm for the Exercise it seems that we are tempted to forget that the bells do not exist primarily for the sake of peal ringing, but for the glory of God, and for His glory it has long been held that the bells should be silent in 'Quiet Week.'—Yours faithfully,

A. J. HOOK (Rev.).

Stogursey, Bridgwater.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Yardley (first quarter) 1, A. Short (cond.) 2, A. Rainey 3, A. Pettigrew 4, W. Pettigrew 5, A. Allen 6, E. Franklin 7, A. Inett 8.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET. — On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Croker 1, E. Saint 2, C. Andrews 3, R. Winter 4, F. Filer 5, W. F. Webb (cond.) 6, T. Saint 7, P. Fear 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8.

CHIEVELEY, BERKS.—On April 11th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford: M. Rosier 1, F. Tuffley 2, R. F. Crook 3, G. Townsend 4, C. Callaway 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 4 and 5.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On April 4th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Court (first quarter) 1, Wm. E. Farmer 2, B. H. Thompson 3, S. C. Archer 4, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 5, A. T. Atwell 6.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Short 1, H. Best (first quarter) 2, F. Sweet 3, T. Mogg 4, W. Kent (cond.) 5.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Fleetwood (first quarter) 1, J. R. Fleetwood 2, D. Blows 3, P. J. Funnell 4, C. Wright (first in method) 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, J. Armstrong 7, S. Kelly 8.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Hutt 1, K. R. Holtom 2, V. Perry 3, W. Kilsby 4, S. Ruddlesden 5, E. Orland 6, S. G. Osborne (first as cond.) 7, R. Fennell 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 4 and 8.

DISS, NORFOLK. — On April 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Roper 1, Miss Kathleen Harrison (16) (first in method) 2, W. G. Saunders 3, C. J. More (cond.) 4, A. G. Harrison 5, C. Orves 6, W. A. Lock 7, E. G. Bennett 8.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE. — On April 10th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. A. G. Lawrence (first of Major) 1, Miss E. Morton 2, Mrs. C. Holden 3, E. Hornby 4, C. Holden (first 'inside') 5, A. G. Lawrence 6, H. W. Howard 7, H. Parker (cond.) 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Cruttenden 1, Stella M. Wickens (first of Plain Bob Major) 2, E. Nish 3, Catherine A. Nish (first of Major 'inside') 4, F. Parsons 5, C. Longhurst 6, E. Morey 7, B. W. White (cond.) (first of Major) 8.

LEICESTER.—On April 11th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sisinfield 1, S. Harrison 2, W. H. Clarke 3, J. Deacon (first 'inside') 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, T. Thornber (first quarter) 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 360 April Day and 600 Plain Bob): F. Millier 1, Rosemary Hutchings 2, Marigold Hutchings (first 'inside') 3, Muriel Legg 4, Marjorie Legg (first as cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Smith 1, S. Pickford 2, G. Bottemly 3, W. Mathews 4, J. Minshull 5, V. Norbury 6, F. Yates 7, J. Smith 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stratton 1, R. Abrahams 2, R. Evans 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, F. Mead 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, G. Stratton 8. First quarter for 3 and 8.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dowdeswell (first quarter) 1, P. Lodge (first quarter) 2, W. Newman 3, G. Walters 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6.

PLYMOUTH. — At Emmanuel Church on April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. O. Thomas 1, Miss J. Midgley 2, R. A. Southwood 3, G. Goddard 4, J. P. Sims 5, H. H. Thomas 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. Hatch 8. First of Triples for 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 1, G. C. Goodman 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, Miss P. G. Kitchen 4, Mrs. M. Kitchen (first quarter) 5, T. Abbott 6.

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CORNWALL.—Will all ringing brethren of the Craft coming to Cornwall during the summer kindly write to the undersigned? It is hoped to arrange for some peal ringing for the Craft in the county.—E. V. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth. 3220

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—Practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Stedman, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples, also Duffield, K.T.B. Major, etc. All welcome. Frequent bus service, Haywards Heath Station five minutes. 3466

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Practice night, Fridays, St. Michael's, 5.15 p.m. Sunday ringing, 10.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. 3482

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Members who have not already indicated a wish to take part in the Chester Week, Aug. 14th-21st, are asked to communicate with the Secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3475

SUMMER, 1948.—Practice at Morecambe Church, Saturdays, 6.30 p.m. Practice, St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, Thursdays, 8 p.m., except first Thursday in each month. All ringers welcome. 3470

MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. St. Chad's (8) also available after meeting until 9 p.m. Service (St. Michael's) 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) served in the Bennet Road Institute 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. P. J. Johnson, 53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds 6. Meeting in Council Room, same premises, immediately after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3393

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Shere, Saturday, May 8th. Service 4.15. Other arrangements as usual. 3419

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deerhurst, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business meeting following.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, Tewkesbury. 3436

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Littleport (8), Saturday, May 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3449

OXFORD GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Annual meeting, Kirtlington, Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 3453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Cuddesdon (6), Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. 3351

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, May 8th. Bells (10) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 3432

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD (BIRMINGHAM).—King's Norton, May 8th, bi-quarterly. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. 3465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Leyland (six bells), Saturday, May 8th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3489

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Bournemouth, ten and twelve-bell practice meeting, Christchurch Priory, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those notifying Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3479

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, May 11th, please, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3451

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, May 15th, at 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3458

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Thurstaston, May 15th, 3. Tea free for those who notify by 12th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3486

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Totternhoe (6), Saturday, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food.—D. W. Beard, Assistant District Secretary. 3478

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Meeting, Averham (2 miles from Newark), May 15th, 2.45. Service 6.30. Bring own food. Half-hourly bus service from Newark.—J. W. Raithby, District Secretary. 3469

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 10th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3494

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3481

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, May 15th, at 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3480

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting, Dunchurch (6), May 15th. Tea at the Tudor Cafe for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 3471

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 15th, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3476

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Clare (8), Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A Fitch, District Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 3474

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Newchurch, Saturday, May 15th. Tower open 3. Tea 5. Bring own food. Meeting in tower 6. All welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3491

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6 bells), May 15th, 2.30. Tea provided. Names by 11th to Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3493

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting, Backford (6), May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than 12th.—George E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 3492

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Whit Monday. Guild committee meet Church Hall, 2.45. Service 3.30, All Hallows'. Tea 4.30, Gloucester Hall, only for those whose application reaches Guild secretary by May 8th. Bells: Earls Barton and Finedon, 11 to 1; Wellingborough, 1 to 3.30; Great Doddington and Wilby, 1 to 3. After meeting all above, also Irthlingborough, Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston and Bozeat.—Robert G. Black, Guild Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 3357

DEVON GUILD.—Annual, Bideford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets (2s. members, 3s. 9d. non-members) by May 14th. Visitors welcomed. Ringing, Bideford (8) from 10.30 a.m., Torrington (8), Northam (8).—Fredk. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton. 3462

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.: preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Names for lunch not later than May 8th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 to 9 p.m.: Great

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Walpole St. Andrew (6), Whit Monday, May 17th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food). Cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3460

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Hereford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service (Cathedral) 3.30. Tea (Garrick Hotel) 4.15. Business 5. Bells, All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), 11.30; Cathedral (10), noon. Notify tea before May 14th. — Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 3406

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Bangor, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service 2.30, followed by business meeting. Tea 4.30. Notification by Wednesday, 12th.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3459

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION INVITE CENTRAL COUNCIL DELEGATES and friends to a ringing meeting on Whit Monday. St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 5; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, 6.30 to 8.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 3464

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Denby (6), May 22nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Bring food.—W. A. Parsons, District Hon. Sec. 3487

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify H. A. Pratt, District Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3473

HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Open cup contest, Saturday, May 22nd, Shelley Parish Church. Entrance 10s. per company. All entries and number of teas not later than May 15th to F. R. Brook, Town Gate, Shelley. 3483

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — North Forest Branch. — Meeting at Hartpury (6), May 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by May 18th to Rev. Hogarth, The Rectory, Hartpury, Glos. 3468

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodstock, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 18th, to H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 3485

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, May 22nd. St. Giles' bells afternoon, Cathedral evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15. Tea, St. Giles' Church Hall, 5 p.m., only for those who notify Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, by the Tuesday previous. Business meeting will follow.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 3488

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual shield contest will be at Penistone, June 12th. Open to all members. All entries much reach me not later than June 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3457

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On April 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows (first quarter) 1, R. Stannard 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. Wright 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, J. Carrott 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On April 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Wm. Hollands 1, T. C. Dennis 2, G. A. Naylor 3, F. J. Cheal 4, Eric Naylor 5, W. J. Walker 6, T. A. Cross 7, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

RUGBY.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): Mrs. W. Vann 1, W. Vann 2, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 3, R. Gibbons 4, A. E. Barlow 5.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Messenger (first quarter) 1, T. J. Southam 2, B. A. Cornell 3, Miss J. M. Burrows 4, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. H. Durrant (first quarter) 6.

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NOMENCLATURE

By A. J. CORRIGAN.

Most ringers will agree with Mr. Nolan Golden's suggestion that we should now do for the Major Surprise methods what was done so well for the Minors in the 1931 edition of Doubles and Minor. In that revision the whole collection of floral and other unsuitable names was swept away without fuss or argument, place-names being given to such methods as were retained.

Place-names are the only ones that wear well. Dedications to royalty and celebrities of the period become dated and meaningless very quickly, while descriptive appellations become outmoded. Superlative is no longer the queen of methods except in East Anglia, and it augurs well for the timeliness of Mr. Golden's proposal that he, the Ringing Master of the Norfolk Association, should even hint that the name Superlative was unfortunate—an admission that would have been unthinkable to any of his predecessors in office. Superlative is the only stumbling-block in the way of a more systematic nomenclature, for not one of the Premiers, Supremes and the like presents the slightest difficulty. Nobody would miss them, but it is impossible at the moment to consider any acceptable alternative name for Superlative. However, I have recently had two enquiries for Champion, so that this old warrior may be preparing to defend his title.

Some personal names are singularly unfortunate, and this applies also to place-names that coincide with well-known ringers. Bulwer, Heywood and Roane suggest the composers rather than places, and are apt to set up an undesirable fashion in nomenclature. This is of more importance than would appear at first sight. Spliced peals have been rung with more than one new method, and one composition in practice at present has four unnamed methods in it. Will the ringers of this peal, when it has been rung, have the right to name all four of them? And if one should be rung with eight new methods in it, what shall we do if the conductor has the bright idea of naming the whole eight of them after the ringers?

So far, except for the long-dead St. Stephen's, we have kept saints' names out of the nomenclature, though Arthur Craven's 'improved' Cambridge Maximus, which we never ring, is named St. Hugh. Finally, we must not forget that a recent new Royal was named Albanian, a peculiarly lamentable choice. It certainly should be reconsidered.

Alternatives to personal names are usually easy to find. For Wordsworth Grasmere is available, and for Wycliffe Hipswell (his birthplace). Victoria is now Southall, Princess Mary is Goldsborough, and Princess Marina might well become Over Surprise. When another Little arrives, we shall have to distinguish between it and the present method of that class, as we have had to do with the various Little Bobs. To avoid similar confusion between group appellatives and method names, Trollope's Imperial should be given a more specific name.

Surprise methods have become so numerous that the time has come for some sort of advisory body to be placed at the service of ringers. The most suitable body is naturally the Methods Committee, and doubtless the question of raising it to full strength again will be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council. It is not necessary to envisage any drastic measures. It should suffice to frame a couple of simple rules under which conductors would select names acceptable to the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

*JOHN B. SANSOM	*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	HORACE BELCHER	8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
WILLIAM H. PASMORE	4	ALFRED B. PECK	10
WILLIAM S. LANGDON	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	11
HERBERT LANGDON	6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.
* First peal on twelve. Tenor 50 cwt.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 4 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	7
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	8
JAMES FERNLEY	3	GEORGE LEDSHAM	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	ERIC J. GILBERT	10
CYRIL VALENTINE	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
*WILFRED STEVENSON	6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells. First peal of Surprise Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

WILFRED STEVENSON	*Treble*	*CHARLES W. LAWTON	6
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	7
*MRS. C. W. LAWTON	3	JOHN WORTH	8
*JUNE HENSHAW	4	EDWARD SEED	9
ALAN A. POTTS	5	*GORDON HENSHAW	*Tenor*

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On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*JOHN H. FOSTER	6
THOMAS WILSON	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	7
RICHARD LONGDEN	3	PETER CROOK	8
CHARLES SHARPLES	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
*STEPHEN L. PARRY	5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by SAMUEL MARSH. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shuker.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 34 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN WILLIS	*Treble*	*CYRIL E. BUESDEN	6
PERCY PAGE	2	*R. GEORGE FRENCH	7
WILFRED W. RING	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	8
EDWARD J. BEER	4	BERTRAM J. LUCK	9
JOHN W. UNWIN	5	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BERTRAM J. LUCK.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor on ten bells and in the method. In honour of the Royal Silver Wedding.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDK. A. SALTER	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. GOBEY	6
MISS MARGARET BEAMISH	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	8
J. FREDK. MILNER	4	†JOHN THOMPSON	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5	*JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 50th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Tenor 19 cwt.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Treble*	§BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	6
†AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	*FREDK. J. SPICER	7
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	3	REGINALD W. DARVILL	8
‡CHARLES F. SAYER	4	‡THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
HAROLD V. FROST	5	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal. ‡ First in the method. § First Surprise peal and first on ten bells. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

W. E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	ALBERT E. WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Bristol, aged 13. A birthday peal for Albert E. Whiting. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*GORDON HARRISON	2	*BENJAMIN BARKER	6
*SIDNEY H. JONES	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	*WILLIAM MINOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Tenor 17 cwt.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6336 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	5
ERNEST B. BETTS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
FREDERICK SEAGER	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (152). Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
The longest peal of Surprise by the Association.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE W. MILLS	*Treble*	*CYRIL WANDER	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	*JOHN T. NEWINGTON	7
*HAROLD BARSLEY	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL	5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	2	FREDK. G. BEDDOW	6
JOHN F. BUTLER	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM YATES	*Treble*	HARRY SEAR	5
ALBERT J. GREEN	2	ROGER CADAMY	6
WALTER SEAR	3	GEORGE E. GREEN	7
FREDERICK C. CASE	4	JOHN A. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MARGARET RIGBY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM P. DEANE ...	5
*GEOFFREY BURTON ...	2	ARTHUR PEAKE	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	†CHARLES H. PAGE ...	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. WILDE. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method. † 190th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEOFFREY BEECH ...	...*Treble*	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ...	5
†MISS M. FLACKETT ...	2	WILLIAM EDWARDS ...	6
*ALAN MOORE	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ...	7
EDWARD STEELE	4	ARTHUR W. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
In memoriam ex-Sgt.-Major Burrows, a ringer at the above church.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS A. M. CASTLE ...*Treble*		ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ...	6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	3	*HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	4	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...*Treble*		HAROLD F. WOOD ...	5
GEORGE L. GROVER ...	2	*ERIC T. LEE	6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ...	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal. 100th peal as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ANTHONY E. COX ...*Treble*		†DAVID COX	5
PERCY NEWTON	2	A. REGINALD BLABY ...	6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ...	3	ARTHUR NEWTON	7
WALTER LEE	4	ROLAND BIGGS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST J. LADD	5
*TOM SAUNDERS	2	*LUTHER HONESS	6
JAMES BASSETT	3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ...	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4	HERBERT J. HAMMOND...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* 100th peal together. The 33rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Relfe.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN *Treble*		FRANK HOWE	5
†HARRY W. BROWN ...	2	MAURICE THOMAS	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	3	R. GORDON CROSS ...	7
DAVID GALLOP	4	BRIAN D. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HEWLETT. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat.. Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

*JEFFREY B. WEBB ...*Treble*		*LESLIE E. MONK	5
*DENNIS BERESFORD ...	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
MISS JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	7
*†PETER BERESFORD ...	4	*MARK N. CULLING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Triples. † First 'inside.' First of Triples as conductor.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MRS. G. E. WATSON ...*Treble*		WILLIAM J. WHITMORE...	5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	2	RAYMOND H. IDLE	6
*ALAN F. KIRKMAN ...	3	JOHN SHATFORD	7
BRIAN AUSTIN	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
* First peal on eight bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 6, C.C.C. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD MAUND ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	FRED HAWKES	6
*JOHN THOMAS	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	7
†HAROLD WILLETT	4	HENRY BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ...*Treble*		PETER N. BOND...	5
PATRICIA HOLMES	2	KENNETH SNELLING ...	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL DF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...*Treble*		*JAMES W. BOWLEY ...	5
*ROWLAND BENISTON ...	2	*C. WILLIAM HALL ...	6
HORACE OVER	3	†HARRY KIRBY	7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First eight-bell peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROY GARTH ... ...*Treble*		GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	5
TOM BROTHWELL	2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	6
G. GORDON GRAHAM ...	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ...	4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
First in the method by all the band and for the Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK ...*Treble*		*CYRIL VALENTINE	5
*NORAH M. BIBBY	2	*GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	6
*WALTER ALLMAN	3	*FRANCIS BIBBY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CONVILLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
FREDERICK A. COLEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
First peal in the method by all and by the Association.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM STANNARD	*Treble*	*PRESTON EVERETT	5
ARTHUR BALLAM	2	*JOHN W. BANKS	6
*SYDNEY STURGEON	3	WILLIAM GOODSHIP	7
REGINALD SIMMONDS	4	*FREDERICK BUCKLE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM STANNARD.
* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.
In honour of their Majesties' silver wedding. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	5
CECIL W. PIPE	2	CHARLES BEECROFT	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	4	WALTER W. MILLER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
In memoriam Alfred Wightman. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *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 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK STONE	*Treble*	THOMAS A. HASTINGS	5
C. HENRY WEBB	2	‡GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. TAYLOR	3	WILLIAM A. STOTE	7
†JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	ALBERT E. BARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Triples. Conductor's 100th peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.
In honour of their Majesties' silver wedding.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	†GORDON BENFIELD	5
*ERNEST B. BETTS	2	†HARRY DAVISON	6
†FRED DAVISON	3	†ALFRED SMITH	7
FREDERICK SEAGER	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method away from treble. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. W. CURSON	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
*MISS EILEEN BRACEY	4	RUSSELL W. CURSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal, aged 15 years. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH	*Treble*	DONALD C. PRICE	5
ALAN WHITE	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
*MRS. T. J. LOCK	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* 100th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS	*Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
C. HENRY HARDING	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK LEECH	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
A. EDWARD REEVES	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	4	JOSEPH CAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN	*Treble*	*ALEC CAIRNS	5
*RONALD AIREY	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
MARY WALSHAW	3	*BURLEY WALSHAW	7
FRED HARRIS	4	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.
* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. DOBSON	5
MISS E. LONGSTAFF	2	ADAM DEAS	6
JOHN ANDERSON	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	4	ARNOLD BRUNTON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

SIX BELL PEALS

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HENRY F. WARREN	*Treble*	HARRY COMMINS	4
RAYMOND WINTER	2	WILLIAM COMMINS	5
CLAUDE W. J. TARR	3	DAVID NORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.
* First peal.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	*IVOR R. BREWER	4
†WILLIAM REECE	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
REGINALD T. JONES	3	GEORGE R. HANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BARDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Oxford Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

M. BILLINGS	*Treble*	*G. SPEED (16)	4
*J. J. BOYES (73)	2	R. PARKER	5
A. INGALL	3	W. J. CLEAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	BOB CRITCHLEY	4
BERT WRIGHT	2	ERIC SUMNER	5
JAMES TAYLOR	3	NORMAN HEAPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.
Rung for the jubilee celebrations of the church.

HESSLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Plain Bob and five 720's Kent Treble Bob.

LEONARD RODMELL ...	*Treble*	†FRANK C. LISTER ...	4
*FRANCES W. DALE	2	*PHILIP H. SPECK ...	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	3	JOHN W. HOBSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in two methods. † First of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge, Primrose Surprise, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court.
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY	*Treble*	CHARLES WOODS	4
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	2	*FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
CECIL WADE	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.
* First peal 'inside' containing four Surprise methods.

(More peals on page 201)

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*CHARLES H. DAVIS ...	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM NUTT	4
*KITCHENER H. HILL ...	2	FREDERICK MERRICK ...	5
THOMAS COOPER	3	JAMES H. GWILLIAM ...	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores Plain Bob, 10 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 30 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS D. E. RAYNER (14)	*Treble*	RONALD H. MEWIES ...	4
L. T. MAINWARING ...	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ...	3	*SIDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (14 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

*JAMES RANFORD	*Treble*	†ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES...	4
†GEORGE AMBLER	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	5
WM. H. A. COMPTON ...	3	FREDERICK MERRICK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. LEWIS.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*H. BANWELL	*Treble*	MARJORIE LEGG	4
MRS. BEER	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	5
*J. WEBBER	3	*L. G. EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A cordial welcome to London is extended to all Central Council members and visitors. Ringing facilities on Whit Sunday and Whit Monday appear on page 202. The meeting of the Council is at Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, London, E.C.

Records will be made of Grundisburgh bells before they are dismantled. They will again be recorded when rehung and retuned.

The quarter at Meanwood, Leeds, on April 23rd, is believed to be first on the bells, which were augmented from three to five in 1885.

Sixteen new members were elected at the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Pulham Market on May 1st—a record for one meeting.

A 70th birthday quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung at Ealing for Mr. P. E. Clark on April 25th.

The peal at Repton was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss White, daughter of Mr. E. J. White, of St. Paul's, Burton.

Mr. G. W. Moss, of Manningtree, Essex, marked the 50th anniversary of his first peal by calling 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob at Mistley. It was G. E. Palmer's first quarter.

Mr. Harry Sear rang his first peal at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th, 1898. The peal of Double Norwich at Wicken, Northamptonshire, was in honour of the 50th anniversary.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon claims distinction in his 100 peals as conductor, inasmuch as they have been rung in 97 towers in 21 counties. 'I pass by this way once!'

The footnote to the Southgate Surprise Major peal (page 175) should read First peal in the method by all the company and not First peal in the method.

Congratulations to Mr. J. J. Boyes, captain of the Bardney, Lincs, ringers, who, now 73 and a ringer for 50 years, has rung his first peal. This was the first peal on the six bells, which were hung in the tower 41 years ago.

After 27 years of faithful service as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. F. W. Stokes has retired. His successor is Mr. Jack Bray.

Leicester Diocesan Guild have also a change in their secretaryship. Mr. H. W. Perkins is now living in Somerset, and Mr. W. A. Wood, of Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester, has taken over the reins of office. He has graduated from the district secretaryship at Hinckley, his successor being Mr. F. K. Measures, Burbage.

In honour of the installation of the Rev. H. E. Ashdown as Provost of Southwark, the Ancient Society rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the Cathedral bells and the London Counties Association a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Lambeth. Mr. Ashdown is hon. chaplain of the latter Association.

To perpetuate the memory of Mr. Joseph W. Parker, a memorial fund has been opened by the Bellringers' Guild of the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr, Sunderland. Subscriptions may be sent to the fund treasurer, Mr. W. Oxley, 2, Romney Avenue, Ryhope Road, Sunderland, and made payable to 'Joseph W. Parker Memorial Fund.'

One long length deserves another. The 21st anniversary of the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung on April 18th, 1927, at Heptonstall, Yorkshire, was commemorated by a peal of 6,336 Superlative, the longest peal of Surprise for the Yorkshire Association. Messrs. Ed. Jenkins and P. Laflin took part in both peals, the former conducting the Treble Bob peal.

At the spring meeting of the Newbury Branch at Great Shefford members stood in silence in memory of Charles Parfit, of Compton, who had recently died. He had been a member of the branch for over 50 years and foreman of Compton tower for 40 years. A familiar figure at Oxford Guild meetings, he will be sadly missed. Very near his heart was a project to recast and augment Compton bells.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

AN UNWRITTEN RULE

Dear Sir,—Capt. A. R. Poyntz' letter is a timely reminder of an unwritten rule amongst most ringers that there should be no ringing during Holy Week, and it should be taken notice of by all. I have known incumbents, while not wanting to deny ringers their request, to be a little concerned over giving permission for prolonged ringing as Lent progresses. The ordinary weekly practices give ample opportunity, and there may even be a special occasion which can justify a peal. The Easter Day ringing, Easter Monday meetings, and a whole crop of peals in the joyous weeks that follow can be all the more upheld if we have eased off during Lent. Some years ago the late Bishop Frere asked that there might be no half-muffled ringing at Truro Cathedral on Good Friday, for he thought the tolling of one bell more in keeping with the day. I think this has been the custom since, and it is well that we should respect the interest shown by so great a liturgical scholar.

I would ask that much be made of the visits of the teams of Bishops to the Dioceses during these next two months. Here is a great opportunity for peals and quarter-peals of welcome in this Lambeth Year. The Bishops have come from overseas, and before the Lambeth Conference will be going out to the Dioceses in teams to be welcomed in most Cathedrals, and during the days that follow to preach and speak in other places. It would be well that ringers make quite sure what the diocesan programme is, and fix ringing accordingly, perhaps before some great meeting in a town. It was by chance that I recently met the Bishop of Sierra Leone and his wife, who spent the whole two hours of practice in Truro Cathedral ringing chamber as most interested spectators. The Bishop had never seen bells rung before.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS, Hon. Sec.,
Truro Diocesan Missionary Council.

EASTER EVE RINGING

Sir,—At one time I held the same view as Capt. Poyntz regarding the ringing of peals on the Saturday following Good Friday. Of course, I am against the ringing of peals in Holy Week itself, but I think we have to remember that the Saturday is really the eve of the greatest festival in the Christian year.

I know of some priests who welcome the ringing of the bells on the day they are holding the first evensong of Easter just as they do at Christmastide.

To my mind, it is far more fitting to ring a peal in the late afternoon of Easter Eve than it is to ring one on the preceding Saturday, which is the very commencement of Holy Week. W. J. PAICE.

Kensington.

THE EXTREME

Dear Sir,—May I point out to Mr. E. V. Williams there is no need to use the irregular 'Extremes' to obtain a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Forty-two different 120's can be obtained by making each bell do the work of the whole hunt.—Yours, C. A. LEVETT.

St. Leonards-on-Sea.

TRADITIONAL NAMES

Sir,—It may be of interest that Rochester Surprise was first rung at Crawley, Sussex, about 1895. Several touches were rung, but I don't remember attempting a peal. It was sent to us by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who at that time had a progressive company at Gillingham, Kent, hence the name Rochester. I think these traditional names should be preserved when their source is known.

F. DENCH.

Saffron Walden.

ILKESTON VARIATION

Dear Sir,—May I ask Mr. Barnett why the Ilkeston Variation of Treble Bob and other mixtures should be barred. Surely it is better ringing the Ilkeston Variation than splicing at lead ends.

Ilkeston Variation was not spliced for the sake of splicing, but to keep the tenors out of the slow and to get the course ends up much sooner and two Bobs at H if possible. It also gives a clear proof, and was the thin end of the wedge for splicing the Major methods.

The late Mr. H. Wilde and myself were each studying it independently of the other, and we were the first to ring a peal of it at Ilkeston. Why do our ringing friends keep on ringing peals of it and write asking for more compositions if it is not worth ringing? It is very simple and pleasant to ring.

Some years ago I was with a party out ringing when we met a ringer who disliked Treble Bob and advised us not to ring it, saying it was like a cross-cut saw with two teeth out of the middle. He left us saying that he would go and listen to us. We rang various touches and this course of the Ilkeston Variation:—

M Ox W H
2 x 2 2

We fully expected 'a bit of tongue' from the listener, but no, he said, 'Well done, that's very nice, indeed. What was it?' We told him that it was the saw. He still agreed that it was very nice. The truth is if a method is rung well with a steady beat people like to hear it.

May I ask Mr. Barnett to go on ringing the methods he prefers and let others ring theirs and not bar their pleasure. If they are trying to take an old age pensioner's tobacco and glass of beer please do not condemn his pleasure as well.—Yours faithfully,

Dale Abbey, Ilkeston. E. C. GOBEY.

VARYING TENOR WEIGHTS

Dear Sir,—As one who takes a great interest in the weights of tenors, may I be allowed to query several of those in a current issue? Alderton, Northants, is given as 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. 'The Inventory of the Church Bells of Northamptonshire and Rutland,' published by the Rev. E. S. Powell, gives the following information: 'Alderton, five, tenor 15 cwt., 44 in. diameter. Rehung in new metal frame by J.T. and Co., 1935.' When I rang here in 1935 just after rehanging the tenor was all of 15 cwt. and went like it. I am wondering if these bells have been recast and the weight halved since then. The time of the peal—2 hours 31 minutes—seems to fit in with the light weight given by the conductor rather than the heavier one given in the Inventory.

Hatfield, Herts, tenor 26 cwt. I enquired the weight of the tenor whilst ringing here in March, 1936, and was told '17¼ or 18 cwt.' Have these bells been recast with additional metal since then? The tenor at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London, not long ago was given as 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. This week it is given as 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.—more than 2 cwt. less.—Yours, etc., WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.

DOUBLE NORWICH BOBS

Sir,—Mr. Barnett claims that the purpose of his first letter has been misunderstood. Now that he argues that the difference between Double Norwich with a 4ths place bob and a 6ths place bob is 'so slight'—i.e., between the natural course-end 3527648 and 3542678 (produced respectively by a bob at 1)—there is no doubt that he will be further misunderstood.

If 'B Block' will read my note on page 87 of your February 27th issue, he must agree that the use of a 4ths place in Double Norwich possesses at least one advantage over the normal bob.—Yours faithfully,

Norwich NOLAN GOLDEN.

WORTHY OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir,—After reading Dr. Spice's article on the front page of the current 'Ringing World' and also Dr. Rankin's mathematical theory of ringing, I should like to venture the comment that he has tended to use, as it were, a steam hammer to crack a walnut. In all the problems which Dr. Rankin considers, provided no singles are used, there is one and only one lead in which any given change can occur; and as a consequence the problems can be solved in a very much less elaborate manner by the simple theory employed by W. H. Thompson.

Surely the field in which mathematics can offer some help to ringing theory is in those methods, such as Stedman, and to a lesser degree the Treble Bob methods, where a given change may occur in several different places in the lead (or six) in consequence of which Thompson's simple theory is no longer capable of tackling the problem.

The problem of the Double Norwich does raise one interesting question, namely: by the theory it should be possible to produce a peal of Double Norwich of 40,208 changes and of Bob Major of 40,240 changes without the use of singles. So far as I am aware, although the corresponding problem (of producing 4,998 changes) in Grandsire Triples was solved as early as 1751 by J. Holt, the problem of producing a 40,240 of Bob Major without the use of singles has never been solved. Although I realise that, from the viewpoint of the ordinary ringer, were he to go for a 40,000, one of the more normal peals with singles would be preferable for a variety of reasons (e.g., conducting and music), I think that the theoretical question is of sufficient interest to be worthy of investigation.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

FOOTS CRAY

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query raised by Mr. F. C. W. Knight regarding the recent peal at Foots Cray, I think he is right in stating it was only the third peal on the bells, and probably the quickest on five bells yet rung, but he is not right in stating that the bells were hung over a hundred years ago.

When I started ringing at St. Mary's, Cray, in 1885, there were only three bells at Foots Cray, the same as St. Paul's, Cray, and North Cray. About 1888, when I was 17, I was invited to the dedication and opening of Foots Cray bells. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, several six-scores. The band then was Edwin Barnett, George Conyard, Arthur Peill, Thomas Durling and yours truly.

ISAAC EMERY.

Bromley, Kent.

THE THREE QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to recent letters from the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, E. A. Barnett and 'B Block,' if any method is altered from its structure it is a variation or a new method. The reason for sixths place at Bob in Double Norwich is pretty obvious, so why try to introduce other places? Singles in Treble Bob are not required, for we get the out-of-course changes by nature of the method called Treble Bob.

Re 14 (360) these are actually rung in ordinary plain methods. It does not matter how a 720 is rung: it is joined together by bobs or singles or all singles (not all bob, for 360 changes are in course and 360 out-of-course).

Cambridge Surprise Major can be rung and the method is quite as good as some that are rung to-day in what is termed better methods.

Perhaps half the ringers who are ringing to-day could not say what method is being rung, for while in the City of Learning recently I remarked how Treble Bob was being rung when to my surprise one of the leaders of that town said they are ringing Stedman. Did he blush when the conductor came out and said a nice quarter-peal of Treble Bob had been rung?—Yours truly, 'Z BLOCK.'

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

CHANGE IN MASTERSHIP.

The 40th annual meeting of the Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on April 17th, attended by 80 members and friends. The Guild service was conducted by the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray). A splendid tea in the Parish Hall was followed by tunes on handbells by Mr. C. H. Webb and his band.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar. Mr. Stote's motion that the rota of places for the annual meeting be rescinded and the meeting place selected at the October quarterly meeting was carried.

The report for 1947 showed a total membership of 326, being made up of 14 hon. members, 134 resident members and 178 non-resident members. Forty-two peals were rung during the year, Belgrave Surprise Major being the first for the Guild. Four rang their first peal and 61 their first in the method.

The deaths were recorded, with much regret, of Messrs. T. W. Chapman, E. Stone, C. Freeman, T. W. Male and J. Warden.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £33 4s. 4d.; £4 9s. 3d. was added to the Bell Restoration Fund by collections at the four major meetings, but no collections were made at the district meetings; £7 was donated to Chilvers Coton, where two trebles were added in May to form a peal of ten, being the second tower in the diocese to gain that distinction.

It was decided to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. from January, 1949, also to charge 6d. per member for the printed report due from the printers at the end of the month.

The election of officers resulted in the reappointment of the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray) and the hon. general secretary (Mrs. D. E. Beamish). Mr. F. E. Pervin expressed a wish to retire from the Mastership and nominated Mr. A. H. Beamish. Mr. F. W. Perrens was also proposed, and by a margin of one vote Mr. A. H. Beamish was elected, thus creating a rather unique situation for a Guild in which a husband and wife occupy two official positions. Mr. F. E. Pervin was elected as auditor.

The district secretaries for Warwick with Stratford and Coventry with Rugby were re-elected, namely: Mr. D. Stanley and Mr. T. W. Sheppard, while Mr. A. J. Hinde, of Bulkington, succeeded Mr. L. Trevor for Nuneaton District. The Central Council representatives were re-elected in Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Stratford-on-Avon was fixed for the July quarterly meeting, subject to the bells having been rededicated, with Warwick as an alternative.

New members elected were Miss D. Clarke, J. Gilks and I. Wain (Chilvers Coton), J. Tyler and R. D. Prior (Brinklow), Miss J. Enstone, R. Godwin and S. J. Oughton (Allesley), the latter rejoining; Miss M. Daniels, Miss D. Jackson and D. Harrison (Keresley); C. Neale, of Bulkington, was re-elected.

Welcome visitors from the Leicester Diocesan Guild were Miss E. Faulknall and Messrs. S. Burton, H. Broughton and W. Whitehead. The bells were made good use of with varying degrees of success in Caters and Surprise Royal,

Oxford University Society

This year the Society made an experiment by holding its Ringing Week during the Easter Vacation. Honeybourne (the Worcestershire Agricultural Camp) seems to have become an annual summer occasion, and the Universities Association tour gives opportunity for those who prefer a full-time ringing programme at that time of year. The experiment would seem to have been successful.

The success of this tour was assured from the word go for two good reasons: Mr. Syd Foskett and the Bedford ringers treated us to a magnificent welcoming supper, at which we were officially greeted by the Archdeacon of Bedford, by the Deputy Mayor and by Miss Evelyn Steel, the president of the Bedfordshire Association. Secondly, a short perusal of the programme showed that no pains had been spared and no details had been overlooked. An item, 'Coffee in Ampthill from 10.30 to 11 *p.m.*,' was the only one which the organiser, Miss Betty Spice, could not explain!

Five peals were attempted during the week-end. Those that were successful may be noted elsewhere, while those that were not are dismissed with a 'slipped wheel' and a 'shift course.'

After the week-end numbers became smaller, and this meant better opportunities for some members and harder work for others. The ringing varied from Bob Doubles at the six-bell towers to various Surprise methods at those with eight bells. St. Paul's, Bedford, and Leighton Buzzard were the only 'tens' visited, and nothing beyond the standard methods was attempted at them.

For a grand week our thanks go to many tower officials, who met and welcomed us, to the Bedfordshire ringers who accompanied us on several days, and last, but not least, to our organiser.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Guild on April 28th the following officers were re-elected: President, the Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); treasurer, the Rev. C. F. D. Maule (Clare); Council representatives, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trinity), Mr. E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's.). The new junior officers elected were: Master, M. R. D. Harford (Trinity), and secretary, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity).

The treasurer's statement of accounts was received, showing a balance of £30, and accepted, despite the loss which the retiring secretary appeared to have made over the printing of peal cards—it is very fortunate for him that the Guild bore the loss, as otherwise it is unlikely that he would be able to afford rail fare to ringing meetings for some time!

To offer 'an opportunity for members to discuss the situation,' notice was given of a proposed alteration of rules, by which, despite her success in gaining full membership of the University, 'Kate' would be debarred entry to the Guild. The final decision will be made on the Guild week in September, which will be held in Manchester.

It was decided that E. J. Lindley be appointed historian and requested to bring the Guild history (written by the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake) up to date, and it is believed that the draft of this will be available for inspection at Manchester. Finally it was reported that during the past twelve months eleven peals, including three 'in hand,' have been rung for the Guild, as compared with twenty for the previous year.

GILMORTON TENOR

Dear Sir,—Where do the clerics who rang a peal recently at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, get their information from that this tenor has 'grown' to 12½ cwt.? When I rang a peal there in 1931 its weight was given as 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., and since then it has not to my knowledge been moved.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ABSENCE OF NEW CONDUCTORS DEPLORED.

A suggestion to increase the Guild subscription from 2s. to 2s. 6d. was warmly debated at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on April 24th, and was adjourned to the next annual meeting. Without an increased subscription a larger report was not possible, stated Mr. G. L. Grover.

The Rev. K. C. Davis presided. The annual report gave membership 437 ringing, 100 honorary. Fifty peals were rung for the Guild in 1947, conducting being shared by 10 members (4 non-resident). Again there were no claims to 'first as conductor.' There were, however, several firsts in the method as conductor and many firsts in a different method, but there were only 10 first peals, which, from the point of view of progress, did not compare too well with 20 in 1946.

The local band at Banstead made history by scoring, under the conductorship of Mr. H. N. Pitstow, a peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods. A peal in a new Surprise method was rung in the Leatherhead District and named Cobham Surprise in memory of Mr. W. James. Painswick Surprise Major was added to the list of methods in which peals have been rung for the Guild.

The balance sheet showed a credit of £59 2s. 11d., with £89 2s. 5d. in Benevolent Fund and £49 Cathedral Bell Fund. Balances in the districts amounted to £68. Mr. A. C. Hazelden (librarian) reported increased use of the library and that the committee had decided to part with surplus copies of available books only to libraries and not to individuals.

The Rev. K. C. Davis was added to the list of vice-presidents, and said although he had only been at Hawley a short time, he had 24 volunteers already to learn ringing. The officers and Central Council representatives were re-elected. The Summer Festival was fixed for June 26th at Dorking and possibly Ranmore.

Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity Cathedral was attended, at which the Provost (the Very Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair) preached.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

About 80 members attended the second annual meeting of this young Guild at East Retford on April 17th. Ringing on East Retford's ten bells continued until 4.30 p.m., when a service in the church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. Hodd).

Following tea Mr. H. Pailing was elected to the chair in the absence of both the president and Guild chairman, and Mr. F. Salter deputised for the general secretary, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., who was still in hospital.

Members were sympathetic towards the temporary officers and the routine business was soon brought to a close. Mr. Groombridge's report—usually the high spot of the proceedings—had to be postponed, so did the financial statement.

All officers were re-elected with the exception of Miss Thompson, the treasurer, who wished to resign. After expressions of regret at her decision and placing on record their appreciation of her work in the past, members elected Mr. W. Nichols to the post.

Messrs. T. Groombridge, jun., H. Denman and Miss J. Southurst were elected as representatives to the Central Council, and Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., F. Blood, G. Nowell and S. Stenton were made hon. life members.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Fifty members attended the annual meeting at Leatherhead on April 17th, when the service was conducted by the Vicar and the address given by the Rev. M. R. Buckley.

Mr. D. Cooper, the Master, presided at the business meeting, which followed tea at the Duke's Head. The officers were re-elected and Mr. W. S. Smith was made an additional vice-president. A grant of £10 to the Southern District from the general funds was approved.

A recommendation that the annual subscription be raised from 2s. to 3s. caused a very lively and prolonged discussion, but was ultimately referred back to the committee.

The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks to the officers, and to the clergy and ringers of Leatherhead for their hospitality.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Lewis J. Last ...	...*Treble*	George A. Fleming ...	4
*Basil F. W. Osborne ...	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
*George W. Pipe	3	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal in five methods. In memoriam Alfred S. Wightman.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wendreda,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

William Fay	...*Treble*	Wilfred Young	4
Eric Smith	2	Frank Warrington ...	5
Stanley Murphy	3	William Seeking	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings.

H. Benjamin Bull ...	...*Treble*	D. Sanderson (R.A.F.)	4
Harold S. Peacock ...	2	*R. Frank Baker	5
Frank Warrington ...	3	Stanley Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*Leonard Warren ...	...*Treble*	Sidney H. Jones	4
Tom J. Marriott	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton ...	5
Walter G. Soar	3	Percival W. Grice ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph William Cotton.
* First peal of Minor.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 extents each of Clifford and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 240's of Lindoff's arrangement and 30 extents of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Miss D. E. L. Rayner...	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	4
Thomas E. Stead ...	2	Ronald H. Mewies ...	5
Lawr. T. Mainwaring	3	Sydney Daniel	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lawrence T. Mainwaring.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Ockley; (2) Duke of Norfolk; (3) Norbury; (4) College Exercise; (5) Capel; (6) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Spliced; (7) Kent. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Richard Reece	...*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
*Miss K. Burchnall ...	2	Frederick Flint	5
*Miss G. Burchnall ...	3	Herbert T. Rooke ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* 150th peal, all rung together. First peal on the bells. First peal in 10 Treble Bob methods by all the band and for the Guild.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Plain Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Peter G. W. Newstead	*Treble*	George Bailey	4
Nolan Golden	2	George Sayer	5
†Arthur J. E. Smalls ...	3	F. Charles Goodman ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Roland Keey	...*Treble*	Arthur Hoare	4
Alfred Hannington ...	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Trevor M. Roderick ...	3	Ernest Stitch	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Minor.

CHILMARK, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Jack Mussell	...*Treble*	*Ronald Marlow ...	4
George Talbot	2	Frank L. Harris ...	5
Peter Anger	3	*Edward J. Doel ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. George Cook ...	...*Treble*	Doris E. Colgate ...	4
*Dorothy E. Corke ...	2	Fredk. W. Budgen ...	5
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Robert Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Collins.
* First peal. In honour of the wedding of Anthony H. Allder and Brenda M. Richardson.

HANDBELL PEALS

HEVINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*
At Mr. Walter C. Medler's House,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.

N. John A. Pumphrey ...	1-2	Nolan Golden	5-6
Jack King	3-4	Walter C. Medler ...	7-8

Composed by Thomas E. Sone. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Colin Harrison	1-2	Ernest Morris	5-6
Charles Marshall ...	3-4	Walter P. Whitehead ...	7-8
		*W. Arthur Riddington	9-10

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor size 17 in A.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
In Trinity College,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Being 3,776 Plain Bob and 1,224 Little Bob with 86 changes of method.

John A. Acres	1-2	Edwin J. Lindley ...	5-6
Albert E. Austin	3-4	Geoffrey Dodds	7-8

Adapted from B. Annable. Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
First peal of Spliced Major by all the band and on handbells for the Association.

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Apr. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
At Merok, 3, Carlton Terrace,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*R. Gordon Cross	1-2	*Albert W. Bond	5-6
Frederick Page	3-4	†Mrs. R. G. Cross ...	7-8

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Kent as conductor. Tenor size 13 in E.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 25, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
At 124, Carholme Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Jack L. Millhouse ...	1-2	John Freeman	7-8
Charles McGuiness ...	3-4	John A. Freeman ...	9-10
Albert Walker	5-6	George F. Swann ...	11-12

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.

The Central Council

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

The following towers will be available to visitors on Whit Sunday :—

Clerkenwell (St. James'), 10-11 and 5.30-6.30.

Kilburn (St. Augustine's), 10.30-11 and 5.30-6.30. (Kilburn Park, Bakerloo Line.)

Bloomsbury (St. Giles-in-the-Fields), 5.15-6.30.

Holloway (St. Mary's), 10-11 and 5.30-6.30. (Holloway Road, Piccadilly Line, go right from station.)

Acton (St. Mary's), 5.30-6.30. (607 trolley bus from Shepherds Bush, Central Line.)

Ealing (St. Stephen's), 10-11. (65 bus, destination Ealing, from Ealing Broadway.)

Willesden (St. Mary's), 10-11 and 5.30-6.30. (Hammersmith or Paddington trolley bus, 1½d. fare, from Willesden Green, Bakerloo Line.)

St. George's - in - the - Borough, 5.30 p.m. (Borough Tube Station.)

WHIT MONDAY

Southwark Cathedral, 5.30-6.30 p.m.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6-7 p.m.

St. George's-in-the-Borough, 5.30-7.30 p.m. (Outside the Borough Tube Station and five minutes' walk from Southwark Cathedral.)

A licensed room has been reserved at the Old Bell, Holborn, for Whit Tuesday evening from 6 o'clock onwards.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild took place on Easter Monday, when over 100 ringers and visitors assembled at Ipswich to ring on the six towers. The service was held at St. Lawrence's, and it was gratifying to see a full church, when a splendid address was given by Archdeacon Browne. Eighty sat down to lunch, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. Charles E. Fisher, vice-president, was elected chairman, and gave a welcome to ringers and visitors.

A welcome to the visiting clergy was made by Mr. Charles Beecroft. In his report the Ringing Master stated 54 peals were rung during 1947, which included Mr. W. P. Garrett's 100th peal of Maximus. He appealed to non-peal ringers to break new ground and ring their first peal. On the whole, the Guild had had a successful year.

The General Secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe) thanked the meeting for their support, especially those ringers and district secretaries who had put in much work during the past year.

In presenting the treasurer's report, Mr. Pipe stated the Guild had made a financial record. Membership had increased by 60 and funds amounted to £132 3s.

Election of officers: Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Pipe; committee re-elected en bloc; Central Council members, Messrs. C. J. Sedgley, C. W. Pipe and G. E. Symonds.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES POLE.

With regret we record the death of James Pole, of St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, at the age of 91. He became associated with the church as a boy, his father being then verger, and he took up bellringing from an early age. He himself became verger in 1900 after working as a shoemaker many years. He remained verger 39 years, and was a member of the Midland Counties and Goscote Society of Ringers with whom he rang several peals.

Two outstanding memories associated with Mr. Pole are the Belgrave Curfew and the Pancake Bell, both ancient customs. Every evening from September 29th to March 25th he would toll the bell at 8 o'clock and then again at 8 o'clock in the morning. The bell was rung by Mr. Cole's family for over a hundred years. He was buried on April 23rd, and a half-muffled quarter-peal of 1,329 Grandsire Triples was rung by C. Linch 1, O. Castleman 2, R. W. Swann 3, J. Morris 4, R. Barrow 5, A. Skinner 6, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 7, E. Bass 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS. — On April 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. W. White (cond.) 1, C. H. Webb 2, S. J. Oughton (first of Major) 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrens 5, J. W. Taylor 6, G. Gardner 7, C. S. Aylett 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE. — On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six, with treble leading): W. Harrison (first quarter) 1, H. Wolstencroft 3, J. B. Robinson 4, R. H. Wimpenny 5, D. Ogden 6, R. Edwards (cond.) 7, P. F. Turner (first quarter) 8.

BACUP, LANCS.—On April 18th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Williams 1, F. Kendall 2, A. Jackson 3, Miss B. Moreland 4, H. Parkinson 5, A. Mills (cond.) 6.

BOLDMERE, SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Tudge 1, J. L. Gilbert 2, D. Clive 3, N. E. Raybone 4, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 5, J. W. Ratledge 6. First for 1 and 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On April 18th at the Church of St. James, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: W. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. W. Coles 5, L. H. Bowler (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, N. G. Hollingworth 8. First in method for 1 and 3.

CLEWER, BERKS. — On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (120 Kent, 180 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Little Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob): R. Purchase 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First quarter in five methods by all.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Cornelius 1, T. Locke (cond.) 2, D. Best 3, R. Beale 4, A. Drayton 5, R. Welch 6, F. Welch 7, G. Pike (first quarter) 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Overy 1, F. F. Godsmark 2, G. Apps 3, T. Mitchell 4, J. Jeffery 5, H. Lillev 6, G. W. Cecil (first as cond.) 7, E. J. Britt 8. First for 2, 6 and 8.

DERBY.—On April 21st at St. Alkmund's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Bond 1, C. Walklate 2, A. E. Thompson (first in method) 3, George Freebrey (cond.) 4, S. H. Jones 5, S. Walklate 6, F. R. Lowe 7, W. Shaw 8.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON. — On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. T. Oliffe 1, Miss L. R. Pimm (first of Minor 'inside') 2, H. P. Flovd 3, B. J. Coggins 4, G. Wright 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 4 and 5.

EWELL, SURREY. — On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Howard 1, E. J. Lindley 2, J. Hill (first 'inside') 3, Babara Pottinger 4, Jill Brittain 5, R. Spittle 6, J. E. Beams 7, A. F. Rippington 8. First quarter 1, 6 and 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER. — On April 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Salwav 1, E. E. Retter (first 'inside') 2, Miss O. Pring 3, F. Wreford (first of Major) 4, G. Turner 5, W. D. Ashdown 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. W. Biffin 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS. — On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): A.C.2 F. Jackson 1, A.C.2 G. Bagley (first quarter) 2, A.C.2 J. Roberts 3, A.C.2 A. Rogers 4, A.C.2 R. E. Manton (first as conductor) 5.

HESSLE, YORKS. — On April 17th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Reavelev 1, F. Dale 2, R. Sharp 3, P. Speck 4, F. Lister (cond.) 5, J. Pool 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On April 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, N. J. Diserens (first as cond.) 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, G. K. Dodd (first quarter) 4, B. C. Stirland (first Bob Major) 5, R. G. Burton 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, A. Diserens 8.

HUNTINGDON. — At St. Mary's on April 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. S. Peacock (first quarter Major) 1, E. Smith 2, W. Young 3, D. Sanderson 4, W. Fay 5, F. W. Lack 6, S. Gilbert 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL. — On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Thompson 1, G. F. Williams (cond.) 2, F. Penrose 3, J. Hobson 4, P. B. Henri 5, E. Wood 6.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Fuller 1, Mrs. C. A. Bassett (first quarter) 2, J. J. Bassett 3, Miss M. Pilbeam (first quarter) 4, C. A. Bassett (first as cond.) 5, H. J. Hammond 6.

MEANWOOD, LEEDS.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cooke 1, C. Benn 2, H. R. Parkinson 3, G. Benfield (cond.) 4, A. Smith 5. First of Doubles by all the band.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, John Ingham 3, James Ingham (cond.) 4, A. Bottomley 5, F. Greenwood 6, J. Parker 7, R. Grave 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS. — On April 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. J. Hunt 1, Miss M. Blanchard 2, Miss P. Ladd 3, F. S. Slatford 4, P. W. J. Harding (cond.) 5, Ron Harding 6. First in method by all the band.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD. — On April 23rd, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Birkett 1, V. Bottomley 2, C. Ellison 3, R. Squires 4, H. Wild 5, R. Mann 6, W. Ambler (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

SHEPPEY, KENT. — On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, 300 Grandsire): Connie Shilling 1, J. Watson (cond.) 2 S. Evans 3, P. Neal 4, G. Rooke 5, J. May 6.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL. — On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. C. Williams 1, R. G. Clemens 2, E. S. Seymour 3, Rev. H. Trewhella 4, E. V. Williams (cond., Redruth) 5, D. Docking (first quarter) 6. First quarter on bells.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bromfield 1, N. Tarrant 2, R. Teed (first as cond.) 3, W. White 4, P. Davis 5, K. Clark 6, R. Pike 7, B. Vincent 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX. — On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Russell (first in method) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, H. Miller 5, J. G. Nash 6, S. Wade (cond.) 7, S. G. Peck 8.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Briggs 1, J. H. Bailess (cond.) 2, J. Smith (first of Triples) 3, H. Briggs (first 'inside') 4, N. L. Walker 5, R. Tipler 6, G. Ball 7, J. Herbert 8.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 each of Old. April Day and Plain Bob, 120 each of Kennington and Antelope): F. Honey 1, D. Wilks (first in six methods as cond.) 2, Jas. Honey 3, Miss N. Honey 4, Jonathan Honey 5, W. Cudd 6.

TREETON, NEAR ROTHERHAM. — On Primrose Day, April 19th, 2,160 Primrose Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. E. Turley 1, J. H. Brothwell 2, T. Brothwell 3, J. G. Brothwell 4, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 5, J. E. Turley 6. First in method by all the band.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Bennett 1, E. Smith 2, L. Fisher 3, J. T. Duffin 4, W. Walker 5, P. Woodward (cond.) 6, J. H. Kirby 7, J. E. Kirby 8, W. Tattershall 9, M. L. Lockwood 10. First quarter on the new bells.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. T. Smith 1, A. Elsmore 2, C. Hick 3, A. T. Dutton 4, P. G. Golder 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 7, W. Walker 8. First of Triples 2 and 5.

WIMBLEDON. — On April 11th, 1,320 Bob Minor, treble leading, tenor covering: Miss I. Dearling 1, A. W. Taylor 2, H. Cox 3, J. Tomsitt 4, T. Miller 5, Miss K. L. M. Branson 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8. First in the method for all but 5th and 7th.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Preston 1, Miss K. Preston 2, F. Jackson 3, R. Manton 4, A. Rogers (first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 2.

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BIRTH

CULLINGWORTH. — On Friday, May 7th, 1948, at 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent, to Lucy Lillian (nee Wickens), wife of Thomas Cullingworth, the gift of a son (John). 3528

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis Poole, c/o Sylvadene, Claremont Gardens, Marlow, Bucks, until further notice. 3517

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

For sale at 3s. each, post free, a few copies of 'STEDMAN,' by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, from Miss Margaret E. Snowdon, Cavendish Street, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands. 3509

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Members who have not already indicated a wish to take part in the Chester Week, Aug. 14th-21st, are asked to communicate with the Secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3475

SUMMER, 1948. — Practice at Morecambe Church, Saturdays, 6.30 p.m. Practice, St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, Thursdays, 8 p.m., except first Thursday in each month. All ringers welcome. 3470

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—As from Whitsun, weekly practice will be at 7.45 on Wednesday. Visitors always welcomed. Methods practised. Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, K.T.B. and Double Norwich. 3507

ST. LAWRENCE, SEAL CHART, SEVENOAKS.—The practice night is now Wednesdays from 7.30 until 9. 3499

MEETINGS

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Meeting, Averham (2 miles from Newark), May 15th, 2.45. Service 6.30. Bring own food. Half-hourly bus service from Newark.—J. W. Raithby, District Secretary. 3469

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 15th, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3476

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Clare (8), Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. —A Fitch, District Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 3474

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, Brede (6), Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 3519

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Peak Branch.—Great Longstone (6), Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near church. —H. E. Taylor, Hillside, Darley Dale. 3495

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Sutterton, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3484

DEVON GUILD. — Annual, Bideford, Whit Monday, May 17th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets (2s. members, 3s. 9d. non-members) by May 14th. Visitors welcomed. Ringing, Bideford (8) from 10.30 a.m., Torrington (8), Northam (8).—Fredk. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton. 3462

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The following are available from 3 to 9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Galleywood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. 3438

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.— Walpole St. Andrew (6), Whit Monday, May 17th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food). Cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3490

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION INVITE CENTRAL COUNCIL DELEGATES and friends to a ringing meeting on Whit Monday. St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 5; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, 6.30 to 8.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 3464

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Denby (6), May 22nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Bring food.—W. A. Parsons, District Hon. Sec. 3487

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify H. A. Pratt, District Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3473

HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Open cup contest, Saturday, May 22nd, Shelley Parish Church. Entrance 10s. per company. All entries and number of teas not later than May 15th to F. R. Brook, Town Gate, Shelley. 3483

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Foxton, May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by May 18th.—L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 3513

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, May 22nd. St. Giles' bells afternoon, Cathedral evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15. Tea, St. Giles' Church Hall, 5 p.m., only for those who notify Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, by the Tuesday previous. Business meeting will follow.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 3488

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guild Festival at Frodsham, Saturday, May 22nd, 1948. Bells (8) will be available 2 o'clock. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Also available for ringing, Daresbury (8), Runcorn (2). Tea tickets 2s. each from John E. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham before Wednesday, May 19th, 1948.—J. D. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Vicarage, Tarvin, Cheshire. 3496

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—. Witherley, May 22nd, 3. Tea and meeting 5, own food and sugar. Social 8-11, Parish Room. Card to F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, please. 3512

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. — Meeting, Claverdon (6 bells), Saturday, May 22nd, 3 p.m. A good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Hon. Sec. 3500

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodstock, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 18th, to H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 3485

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special meeting, St. Mary's, Bathwick, May 22nd. Bells (8) retuned and rehung. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification essential.—S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 3497

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting, Pembridge (5), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting after. Names for tea by Tuesday, 18th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 3510

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Eynesbury, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3501

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Dersingham (6), Saturday, May 22nd. Cups of tea available, but please bring food. Other arrangements as usual. — W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3502

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Much Marcle, May 22nd. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Post Office. Notify by May 19th W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 3503

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Stratton, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Bradford Peverell bells (5) also available. Trains (G.W.R.) and buses from Dorchester from 2.30 onwards.—Please notify Mrs. Godley, Stratton Rectory, Dorchester, by May 19th.—J. Hayne, Sec. 3504

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice, Billingshurst (8), May 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea (by 19th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court Bognor Regis. 3508

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Newdigate, May 22nd. Usual arrangements. Tea at the Village Club. Please notify Mr. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith. 3516

EAST BERKS, SOUTH BUCKS, SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX. — Joint meeting, Denham, Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names by 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3521

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Combined meeting, Basingstoke and Newbury Branches, Aldermaston, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by May 19th to Miss Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 3523

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, May 22nd, 6.30 p.m.— E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3524

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch. — Cogenhoe (6), May 22nd (note date change). Names for tea to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 3525

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Battle (8), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 3. Tea for those who notify by 19th F. H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham. 3526

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Thorley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Monday, May 24th, please.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3494

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Guilden Morden (6), rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Service of rededication, Sunday, May 23rd, 3 p.m. Ringers welcome. — H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3529

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting at Old Woking, May 29th. Service 3.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.15. Bells available between service and tea and after meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 22nd. All ringers invited. (20-seater coach available for one journey from Old Woking to Pyrford and back in connection with visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave.) 3505

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave May 29th, 4.14 p.m. at Pyrford Church. Old Woking bells in the evening. Coach (limited to 20 seats and one journey) from Old Woking at 4 p.m. and return. 3506

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Mereworth (6), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Nettlestead (5) bells 2.15. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3527

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Saturday, May 29th, North Mimms (8), 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3522

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Machen, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 3518

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts.—Joint meeting, Fornham St. Martin, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, May 26th.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 3511

OXFORD GUILD.—Postponement of North Berks Branch annual meeting from Saturday, May 15th, to June 12th. Details in due course.

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YORKSHIRE'S MESSAGE

THE message the Yorkshire Association gave to the Exercise at its annual meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on May 8th, was one of encouragement. Statistics from the report show that membership now stood at 1,421, as against 1,357 at the beginning of the year. New members elected were 114, against an offset of 14 who had died and 36 who had lapsed. Peal ringing had not been backward with 102 rung at 64 churches and two handbell centres. First peals were rung by 34 members and conducting had been shared between 38 different conductors, three of whom had called their first peal.

The balance sheet showed a loss on the year's working of £9 8s. 4d., largely due to the considerable increase in the cost of printing. A warning note was added by Mr. S. F. Palmer, the hon. treasurer, in drawing attention to the upward trend in administrative costs, and he suggested that should it continue it might be necessary to take steps to bring the annual income of the Association into line with expenditure. The Association is, however, healthy, with assets totalling £401.

The Rev. C. O. Ellison, who was presiding at his first annual meeting as president, was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, and in acknowledging the honour referred to the help and loyalty of the officers, adding that he would, so long as it was his privilege to serve, do his best to uphold the best traditions of the Association. Mention should also be made that Canon C. C. Marshall, who served with such distinction as president for 35 years, is to be presented with a silver salver, in addition to the gold signet ring he has received, as a memento of the members' affection.

In regard to the re-election of officers, a special word is due to the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton. Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the general secretary, in moving his re-election, referred to the able manner in which he had fulfilled the office for so long a time and pointed out that there were few who possessed the necessary qualifications and fewer who were fired with the inclination to tackle the job, which called for skill and close attention to detail. In accepting office for another year, Mr. Barton desired the Association to look for a successor.

Of general interest was the president's announcement that the committee felt that the time had come when an attempt should be made to revive the Snowdon Dinner, which had been in abeyance since the outbreak of war in 1939. Largely as a venture of faith the committee had made preliminary plans to hold it at Bradford on Saturday, October 2nd. The cost to members attending would be greater than before the war, but in view of the great social value of this old established function they had every confidence that the members would support its revival. Thus a new date was added to the Ringing Calendar for 1948.

The meeting was preceded by divine service at St. Michael's, attended by a large gathering representative of all districts. The Vicar, Canon R. J. Wood, conducted the service. This was followed by an excellent tea in the Bennett Road Institute.

Circulated with the report is a message from Canon Marshall thanking the members not only for the two parting presents, but 'for all your great kindness shown to me in the long years of our working together. . . .' The Canon's homily is well worth repetition: 'Our value to any great movement is not what we can get out of that movement, but what we can give to it; and how true this is of our Ringing Associations! They only can exist by virtue of the vast amount of voluntary work which lies behind them; very few people realise the full amount of voluntary and self-sacrificing work which lies at the back of the life of the Association as a whole—the work of all our officers and, side by side with that, the contribution which every individual member brings to it. No one must ever think, for instance, that the regularity with which they pay their subscriptions is not a matter of great importance to the whole Association; nor must anyone think that it is only things like the paying of subscriptions which matter—it is the individual character which really matters; the good of the whole depends, after all, on the goodness and dependability of each individual person.'

ROYAL PEALS

In honour of the Silver Wedding of H.M. the King and Queen, April 26th, 1948

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	Herrick B. Bowley	7
*Kathleen Tilley	2	Redvers F. Elkington	8
†Dorothy Udale	3	Peter J. Staniforth	9
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Lawrence Greenhow	10
Harry G. Wayne	5	William J. Root	11
Joseph S. Carter	6	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus on working bell. † First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 25 cwt.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

John Walden	*Treble*	Raymond F. Smith	7
*Miss Betty Brown	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
H. Leslie Pask	3	Geoffrey M. Mayer	9
Archer T. Lowman	4	John Freeman	10
John A. Freeman	5	Kenneth W. Mayer	11
Jack L. Millhouse	6	*Charles E. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. D. Roberts. Conducted by J. L. Millhouse.
* First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Ernest Wilson	*Treble*	Raymond C. Sayers	6
Denis R. Morris	2	Albert E. Humphries	7
Wm. H. A. Compton	3	Ralph W. Sayers	8
*George E. Large	4	George Ambler	9
Dennis R. Sayers	5	*Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by Geo. E. Large.
* 100th peal together. The composer's No. 33. Tenor 14 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt.

John H. Grundy	*Treble*	Joseph A. Fenton	6
Mrs. J. Cotterell	2	Ernest Bartram	7
Clement Glenn	3	F. Horace E. Stubbs	8
John P. Fidler	4	Colin Harrison	9
G. Ronald Edwards	5	Leslie Stevens	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Clement Glenn.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Morris J. Morris	6
George W. Hughes	2	Cyril Taberner	7
J. Dennis Holden	3	Albert D. Collins	8
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Arthur V. Pearson	9
Christopher Wallater	5	John Luck	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Howard Howell.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

Fred Hayes	*Treble*	Ralph Coles	6
Miss Doreen Coker	2	Roland Biggs	7
F. Donald Boreham	3	Walter Lee	8
Miss Sylvia Coker	4	Gilbert R. Goodship	9
Miss Marie I. Goodship	5	Arthur Newton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Fred Hayes.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *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
*Reginald G. Hooper	2	Francis C. Mogford	7
Emlyn F. Hancock	3	Andrew J. Corrigan	8
John M. Stallard	4	Raymond C. Seager	9
Frederick G. Leaker	5	Norman H. Coombs	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal on ten bells and first peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*Peter Foster (14)	*Treble*	Alan Foster	6
†Doreen Roden	2	George L. Roden	7
William J. Leach	3	Gordon Harrison	8
Noreen Brain	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
†Harold Harrison	5	Edward J. White	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Groves. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Tenor 28½ cwt.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

William T. Grice	*Treble*	Louis Head	6
Walter H. Dobbie	2	Alec Waddington	7
Doris G. Dobbie	3	Benjamin F. Baker	8
Leonard Mannering	4	Stanley B. Dobbie	9
George F. Cantrill	5	Herbert J. Smith	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Louis Head.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Robert C. Heazel	*Treble*	Henry T. Wilson	5
*Desmond G. Mayell	2	Albert Pryke	6
Harry Turner	3	Bertram C. Hines	7
*Herbert G. Goddard	4	John Sitch	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Kent Major. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*W. Francis Oatway	*Treble*	J. Frank Smallwood	5
Frederick W. Housden	2	Frank Jennings	6
†David E. Parsons	3	Frank E. Darby	7
*William J. Rawlings	4	Reuben Sanders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

*Doris E. Colgate	*Treble*	Arthur F. Lewry	5
†Henry N. Vaughan	2	Bernard V. Collison	6
Richard D. Divall	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Charles A. Bassett	4	John Medhurst	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Everest Ford	*Treble*	Albert E. Sandiford	5
Willie Aaron	2	Edward Iddon	6
Bryan Staveley	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
Thomas Bratby	4	James Wm. Kay	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward Iddon.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES	*Treble*	FREDERICK T. SOUTER	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	HARRY TURNER	6
RICHARD STANNARD	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	7
HENRY T. WILSON	4	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
First peal of Major as conductor.

BOLDMERE, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN S. WALTON	5
*TERRY R. HAMPTON	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	7
†ARTHUR D. COOK	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland, 320 Bristol, 320 New Gloucester, 320 Eastcote, 320 Norfolk, 320 Wembley, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Pudsey, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods by all the band.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

CECIL J. BAKER	*Treble*	*GIRLING RIGBY	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	*ERNEST FLETCHER	6
*WILLIAM E. COURT	3	*FREDK. W. SHAW	7
*DENNIS CARLISLE	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* First peal in method. This composition is now rung for first time.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*THOMAS W. WHITE	*Treble*	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY	5
FREDK. A. MUNDAY	2	HAROLD A. MAY	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ERNEST STITCH	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY	5
D. REES JAMES	2	ALFRED W. HEATH	6
*TREVOR M. RODERICK	3	ROBERT E. COLES	7
ALFRED HANNINGTON	4	WILLIAM T. PERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHAS. H. PERRY.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 16 cwt.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

THOS. S. HORRIDGE	*Treble*	GEORGE SKELLAND	5
SYDNEY FLINT	2	THOS. W. HAMMOND	6
DENNIS BOOTH	3	ROBERT GUY	7
PHYLLIS BOOTH	4	WM. H. DEACON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. Pitman's Five-part. Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	*Treble*	BERNARD S. NICHOLS	5
*FRANK SODEN	2	*THOMAS W. TIMMS	6
THOMAS J. H. PRINCE	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
*FREDK. W. SODEN	4	*JOHN J. WESTMACOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM WALKER	5
DOROTHY FLETCHER	2	E. DENIS POOLE	6
*MRS. E. D. POOLE	3	THOMAS J. FOWLER	7
JESSE ELDRIDGE	4	ERNEST E. GOSLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON	2	†HORACE BENNETT	6
ALBERT H. BENNETT	3	HAROLD BARSLEY	7
GEORGE R. DAWSON	4	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. CLARKE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
ARTHUR PATRICK	2	*ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
J. LESLIE WILLARS	3	CHARLES MARSHALL	7
GEORGE V. DEACON	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.
* First peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER	5
JACK BAILEY	2	JOHN W. GLEW	6
WALTER STEEN	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
WILLIAM A. PARSONS	4	*WILFRED H. BUXTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
The Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	*HERBERT LUDKIN	5
*MARY WALSHAW	2	*WILLIAM PYE	6
*GEOFFREY F. CARTER	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
*MARY ELKINGTON	4	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
* First peal in the method.

LONDON, W.C.1.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS MABEL PROCKSON	*Treble*	†DONALD C. PRICE	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	6
ALBERT W. COLES	3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	7
†BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	*Henry D. Butler	5
*Peter D. Beedie	2	Ralph E. W. Wenban	6
Elsie K. Fulton	3	John R. Mayne	7
H. George Hart	4	Cecil C. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Cecil C. Mayne.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*Miss M. G. Campbell	*Treble*	R. Alder Gofton	5
*Miss Joyce Gaymer	2	*Gordon Johnson	6
*Miss Hilda Stobbs	3	Richard A. Gofton	7
Miss Margaret Fidell	4	William L. Gofton	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Richard A. Gofton.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

Vernon Sykes	*Treble*	Selwyn H. Dearden	5
Ivan Kay	2	Stephen L. Parry	6
Joan Houldsworth	3	Fred Dunkerley	7
Harold Armstead	4	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Fred Dunkerley.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Thomas Cummins	*Treble*	P.S. Fred Bishop	5
*Miss Rhoda Brown	2	Albert E. Flatters	6
John R. Kemp	3	*Eric Kemp	7
†Edwin Fisher	4	John R. Young	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by John R. Young.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on eight as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. On the Margaret Eight.

Josiah Morris	*Treble*	Mavis Whitehead	5
*Sidney Harrison	2	Ernest Morris	6
Walter P. Whitehead	3	Edward R. Whitehead	7
†John Bramley	4	‡Colin P. Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman. ‡ First peal.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

Arthur White	*Treble*	†Harry Smith	5
John E. Metcalf	2	Joseph T. Dyke	6
*Robert G. Field	3	Henry J. Sanger	7
Miss B. Look	4	Frederick Field	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry J. Sanger.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Henry N. Vaughan	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
*Charles A. Bassett	2	Robert Collins	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Luther J. Honess	7
Bernard V. Collison	4	Herbert J. Hammond	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Wilson. Conducted by Thos. E. Sone.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Reginald Tomlinson	*Treble*	Arnold Hill	4
Donald Chadwick	2	Frederick Flint	5
Thomas R. Flint	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band except the ringer of the 4th. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Sidney Marshall	*Treble*	George J. Bunning	4
George P. Adams	2	Arthur J. Smalls	5
†Basil Last	3	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bert Gogle.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal 'inside.'

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six extents each of St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Canterbury, Grandsire, April Day, Antelope and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Walter F. Mawby	*Treble*	Phillip Jones	3
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	2	George Care	4
Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Phillip Jones.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's.

H. Benjamin Bull	*Treble*	Charles Gravette	4
Harold S. Peacock	2	R. Frank Baker	5
Cyril J. Young	3	Stanley Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.
First peal as conductor.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 8 six-scores April Day (3 callings), 14 six-scores Plain Bob (4 callings), 20 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*Louis B. Baillon	*Treble*	‡William R. Paul	3
†Eric Nobles	2	‡Edward G. Bennett	4
†William R. Hammons	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in three methods.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure, and two extents each of Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*Sam Depledge	*Treble*	Eric Simpson	4
†Miss Mavis Botham	2	‡Arthur Hibbert	5
Miss Yvonne Botham	3	‡James A. Milner	*Tenor*

Conducted by James A. Milner.
* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

DODDINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

Wilfred Young	*Treble*	William Fay	4
Eric Smith	2	Dudley Paul	5
Stanley Murphy	3	William Seekings	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Seekings.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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Twelve Spliced Surprise methods was Oxford's royal salutation.

Scarborough is the venue for the next meeting of the Yorkshire Association on Sept. 25th.

The latest report of Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., is that he is much brighter.

Errata.—Re 5,040 Spliced Triples, page 190, after the Second in and out 5 should read Right, not Wrong.

With 14-year-old Peter Foster ringing the treble, Burton-on-Trent Sunday service band have rung their first peal on ten bells.

First on the bells 'local born' is the claim of Abbotsbury, Dorset, regarding their peal of Grandsire Doubles.

Circlers this week: Mr. T. S. Horridge (Sefton, Lancs), Arthur Hibbert (Taxal, Cheshire), Frederick Flint (Cuckney, Notts).

Congratulations to Miss Betty Brown, who, at the age of 15 has completed the Stedman circuit from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. Ernest Morris' composition of Stedman Caters rung at Willenhall, Staffs, contains 789 and 798 at alternate course ends throughout the peal. A first is claimed.

'We feel this quite an achievement,' writes our Whitley Bay correspondent in recording the first peal of London by the local Sunday service ringers.

Ringers visiting Devon will find 'A Short Guide to the Church Bells of Devon' useful and helpful. Price 5d. post free from F. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton.

Ringing rounds for the Royal Silver Wedding was Anthony Sanger, of Evercreech, Bath, whose ninth birthday coincided with the royal celebration. Surely the youngest ringing tribute?

Mr. J. E. Cawser heads the list of Yorkshire conductors for 1947 by calling 17 peals during the year; he also has the honour of being the highest peal scorer with 26 peals. Mr. W. E. Critchley comes second with 19.

To celebrate the 91st birthday of Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. 720 Plain Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Single Bob were rung at Swanmore, 720 Kent Treble Bob at Titchfield and 720 Plain Bob Minor at Wickham.

The ring of six (tenor 20 cwt.) at Humberstone, Leicester, has been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston with new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks and ball bearings in the existing oak frame. The rededication was on May 2nd, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Lidster).

The peal of St. Clement's rung at Burford, Oxon, in honour of the Royal Silver Wedding, was also a 64th birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Soden, the tower foreman, and a regular Sunday service ringer for 46 years. He is still as keen on peal ringing as ever, and is justly proud of 'captaining' a team of 19 ringers!

To mark 50 years' regular attendance and his 73rd birthday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at East Ilsley, Berks, on April 25th, for Mr. R. W. Warwick. Ringers: Miss Eileen Wilson (first quarter) 1, Miss June East 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, R. W. Warwick 4, Miss Joan White 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, R. Wells (first quarter) 8.

St. Mary's, Southampton, recast ring of 10 will be dedicated on Sunday, June 20th at 3 p.m., by Bishop Lang, the service, if fine, to be held in the ruins of the church. The church was destroyed by fire during a blitz on Southampton in November, 1940, but the tower and bells, although extensively damaged, were not destroyed. The bells were recast by John Taylor and Co. in 1945; they are now rehung on one level.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

MEMORIAL BELL TO MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON DEDICATED.

The annual meeting on April 24th attracted what may have been a record number of members and visitors, among the latter being friends from London, Birmingham, Leicester and other centres. Ringing commenced at two o'clock until service time, when large numbers attended evensong at the Cathedral.

At the close of this service, the choir and congregation proceeded to the west end of the nave for the dedication of the 'Flat 6th' bell which has been added to the Cathedral ring of twelve in memory of the late Master, Mr. Rupert Richardson. The Bishop of Grimsby performed the dedication, the bell being chimed by him by means of a rope brought down through the intervening floors. Tea was at the Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate. Immediately after this the Leicester handbell ringers gave a selection of tunes, under the direction of Mr. S. Harrison.

Canon A. M. Cook, Sub-Dean of the Cathedral, presided at the business meeting and said he was delighted to welcome such a large gathering of ringers. Referring to the dedication service, he said he thought this was both dignified and beautiful, and he was very pleased to know that Mrs. Richardson was able to be with them.

The Dean of Lincoln was again elected president and Mr. J. A. Freeman Master. After acting for 27 years as hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Stokes did not offer himself for re-election, and Mr. Jack Bray was unanimously elected to these offices. Messrs. J. A. Freeman, J. Freeman, Jack Bray and George E. Feirn were elected representatives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

The Master reported that 111 peals had been rung during the past year—not a record as to actual number, but surely a record as regards quality. Three records had been set up: (1) The peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods at Harmston; (2) the handbell peal of Minor in 105 methods; and (3) the peal of 14,144 London Surprise Major at Heydour. All of these had been rung by resident members. Among other peals in the higher methods were 10 London Surprise Major, 2 Bristol, 4 Cambridge, 2 Superlative, 1 Yorkshire, 1 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods, also the first peal of Erin Caters by the Guild. He specially mentioned two of the Guild's young lady ringers, namely, Miss Rhoda Brown, who had rung a peal in 20 Surprise Minor methods, and Miss Betty Brown, who, ringing her first peal in March at the age of 14, had accomplished 20 peals during the year from Minor to London Surprise Major.

The Master then read a statement of the financial position of the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund, showing that with money already received and definite promises, a total of £206 had been reached, leaving a balance of about £116 still to be found. This includes the cost of the memorial tablet to be erected in Surfleet Church, the late Master's 'home' tower. He thanked the Dean and Chapter, on behalf of the Guild, for their ready permission to carry out the scheme of adding the new bell to the Cathedral peal, for their generosity in providing the memorial tablet in the Ringers' Chapel, which had been dedicated at the same time as the new bell, and for the assistance given by the Cathedral staff to the bellhangers. He also thanked Mr. R. S. Godfrey, the Cathedral Clerk of Works, for his co-operation and help, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the way the work had been carried out.

He then went on to say that the year 1949 would be the jubilee of the Guild, and that suggestions had been made that this event should be celebrated in a worthy fashion. The view of the committee was that a full day meeting should be arranged on the actual anniversary, April 25th next, with a lunch and tea. A good deal of discussion ensued, several speakers holding that such an event would be best celebrated by a dinner. It was finally decided that a full day meeting should be held on the actual anniversary, April 25th, and that later in the autumn a dinner should be held, to which would be invited both diocesan and civic dignitaries. A small committee was appointed to deal with local arrangements.

Before ringing commenced generally at the Cathedral, two courses of Stedman Triples were rung on the light eight by officers of the Guild, with Mrs. Richardson ringing the new bell.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild festival at Mere on May 1st attracted a very large attendance. The Master (the Rev. C. C. Cox) presided at the annual meeting, when the executive officers were re-elected. Mr. S. Hector and Mr. E. F. White were appointed vice-presidents, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. W. C. West, G. H. Harding and F. Preecy elected Central Council representatives. Mr. Legg was elected a life member.

A congregation of about 250 attended the festival service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. E. Johnson). The address was given by the Master and a course of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells.

The arrangements for providing the large company with tea were efficiently carried out by the ringers of Mere and a committee of ladies, to whom thanks were heartily accorded.

GREAT WAKERING BELLS

The Bishop of Chelmsford rededicated the five bells and dedicated a new treble bell at St. Nicholas', Great Wakering, Essex, on May 1st. The work on this light ring of six, tenor 8 cwt., has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The 'going' was excellent except for the new ropes and long draught.

The first 720 on the bells was of Plain Bob rung by H. Oliver 1, Mrs. Woodgate 2, W. May 3, P. King 4, W. Perry 5, F. Lufkin (conductor) 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH

Bigger and better than ever was the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at Marlow with 20 towers represented. The Bishop of Buckingham gave the address—a real ringers' sermon enjoyed by all present.

Of the 104 at tea, 98 had sent in their names. Another record. Before the business commenced, the secretary read a letter that he had sent to Buckingham Palace. The reply was:—

> 'The Private Secretary is commanded to convey the sincere thanks of the King and Queen to the members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers for their message of good wishes on the occasion of their Majesties' forthcoming silver wedding.'

Then followed a presentation to the secretary (Mr. A. D. Barker) from the members of the branch, including the Bishop, of a wallet and contents. Of course, he couldn't reply properly as he hadn't looked up the calling, but now tenders his grateful thanks to all concerned.

Officers for 1948 were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman; Branch Ringing Master, T. J. Fowler; branch secretary and treasurer, A. D. Barker; representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, W. Birmingham, F. D. Boreham, R. Reid and W. Welling. J. B. Ford was also elected to fill one vacancy.

ALFORD LINCS. — 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, Mrs. J. Smith (first quarter) 2, K. Ketteringham 3, S. H. Sutton 4, T. Smith (first as conductor) 5, W. Hall 6.

ASHFORD, KENT. — 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: P. Page 1, W. C. Marshall 2, P. D. Huckstepp 3, M. W. Marshall 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, W. W. Ring 6, H. S. Wickens 7, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 8. First T.B. Major 2 and 3.

APPLETON BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. White 1, C. G. White 2, A. G. Holifield 3, G. Holifield 4, F. C. White 5, F. A. White (cond.) 6, R. White 7, R. Sargent 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—1,280 London Surprise Major: Margaret Pitstow 1, H. Cheesman 2, Jill Brittain 3, Winifred Cheesman 4, N. Hobden 5, A. J. Adams 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 8.

BEENHAM, BERKS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Cherchill (first quarter) 1, Joyce Downham 2, A. Arlott 3, A. Richardson 4, E. Wallage 5, G. Fowler (cond.) 6.

BILLESDEN, LEICS. — 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Bob Minor): E. Lewin 1, J. Wadkin 2, J. G. Geary (cond.) 3, F. Gamble 4, H. Payne 5, A. N. Geary 6.

BRADWELL BUCKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Walters 1, Enid Whitcock 2, W. French 3, H. Carter 4, E. Whitlock (cond.) 5, A. Lathall 6.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. James 1, M. F. Oakshett 2,, Miss Hilda Oakshett 3, G. F. Plater 4, C. C. Cullen 5, J. E. Lyddiard 6, S. J. Humphrey 7, P. J. Spice (first in methor as conductor) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 5, 6, 7.

BUCKLEY, CHESTER. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. P. Birks 1, P. Birks 2, J. Usher 3, F. H. Birks 4, J. C. Jones 5, D. Millward 6, A. Lewis (cond.) 7, R. Robinson 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS. — 1,280 Bob Major: R. May 1, Miss S. Davis 2, Miss J. Mathews 3, G. Stocker 4, R. Rex 5, A. Hawkins 6, P. Bicknell 7, R. Crook (first as conductor) 8.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK. — 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. K. Aldridge 1, B. H. Hyatt 2, C. F. Phillippo (cond.) 3, F. C. Arnold 4, T. C. Brown 5, E. G. Arnold 6. First for all except conductor.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS. — 1,264 Bob Major: S. Keach 1, J. R. Dacre (first 'inside' bell) 2, Mrs. J. Saddington 3, B. Cope 4, T. Garley 5, B. J. Saddington 6, G. E. Watson 7, Mrs. G. E. Watson (first as conductor) 8.

CARDIFF.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Hannington 1, L. W. Prosser 2, T. Yeomans 3, A. Parnell 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, — Dare 7, L. Hulbert 8, E. Coombes (cond.) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Harris 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, A. J. Bartlett 3, Mrs. Bowden 4, M. Smither 5, A. E. Brown 6, H. Mullard 7, Mrs. Herrington 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Jackson 1, E. Dench 2, A. Rogers 3, R. Manton 4, T. Davison 5, H. Marsh 6, S. Wiltshire (cond.) 7, H. Heath 8. First in method 1, 3, and 4.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. Sharp (first quarter) 1, G. Mayes 2, P. Tompkins (cond.) 3, A. Dilley 4, T. Dilley 5, E. Dilley 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett (first quarter) 1, W. Francis, jun., 2, G. Newman (first 'inside') 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, J. Marsh 6, F. Hinton 7, F. Bennett 8.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTER. — 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wilson (first of Minor) 1, H. Kilbey 2, B. Hubbard 4, T. E. Hubbard 4, N. Moyes (first of Minor as conductor) 6, J. J. Morris 6.

Royal Quarter Peals

For Their Majesties' Silver Wedding, April 26th, 1948

CHELSEA, LONDON. — 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. H. Allsop (first on ten) 2, J. Sanson 3, W. J. Paice 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, H. Belcher 6, W. Langdon 7, P. Small 8, J. Frank Smallwood (cond.) 9, F. Asprey 10.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—1,277 Grandsire Caters: Corpl. R. J. Wallis (P.A.O.C.) 1, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, Rev. T. P. Hearn 5, J. Hope 6, H. L. Cooke 7, S. R. Hicks 8, W. H. Hayward 9, R. R. Wallis 10.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. King 1, H. L. Parfrey 2, Miss E. M. Hannam 3, Miss B. Young 4, J. H. Davey 5, R. J. Fry 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. First on eight by 1, 3, 4 and 8.

CROWCOMBE, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. T. Richards 1, R. Colman 2, J. Henson 3, E. Webber 4, C. W. J. Lock (cond.) 5, E. Colman. First quarter by all except 4th. First on bells.

DORKING, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Elkins 1, C. Read 2, R. Gardner 3, J. White 4, C. Hilton 5, Leach 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8.

EGHAM, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, E. Butler 2, W. Parker 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, J. Greenough 6, W. Peck 7, M. Harbott 8.

FELPHAM. — 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. P. Peskett 1, H. J. Peskett 2, Miss E. Lonnen 3, E. Horner (first in 3 methods) 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, J. Bristow 6.

FULHAM, LONDON. — 1,285 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Sanson 3, P. Small 4, J. Frank Smallwood 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, W. J. Paice (cond.) 7, W. T. Elson 8, J. E. Chilcott 9, P. Judkins (first quarter peal) 10.

GODALMING, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): D. Howard (first inside) 1, A. W. J. Appleton (first as conductor) 2, J. Pugsley 3, V. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, B. Messenger (first of Doubles) 6, H. Steer 8.

GRIMSBY.—1,260 Bob Major: C. Kennington 1, Miss G. Rusby 2, Miss M. Laceby 3, W. Mumby 4, A. Swain 5, J. Kennington 6, J. Parker 7, A. Pashley (cond.) 8. First of Major 2 and 7.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Hannington 1, W. Gorringe 2, O. Santer 3, A. Kemp 4, L. W. Jarvis (cond.) 5, R. Tappenden 6, G. Waters 7, M. Cloke 8. First in method 1 and 3.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS. — 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, E. Saunders 2, W. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 3.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire): W. J. Gait (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, Mrs. J. Naish 3, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 4, J. Brooks (first inside) 5, J. Naish 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Bannister 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. G. Twinn 3, W. H. Coles 4, P. E. Jones 5, E. Hancox 6, A. M. Stacey 7, H. W. Impey (cond.) 8, C. H. Chapman 9, W. Honor 10.

LANCASTER. — At St. Peter's Cathedral, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, J. Woods 2, Jas. Skeats 3, W. Worden (first quarter) 4, Jas. Metcalfe (first inside) 5, H. Rainford 6, F. Postlethwaite (cond.) 7, S. Jeffery 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Beresford 1, J. B. Webb (first quarter) 2, Joan Beresford (first as conductor) 3, F. A. Sedgwick 4, D. Beresford 5, W. J. Cope 6, G. E. Oliver 7, M. N. Culling 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Tony White (13, first quarter), Ruth Avery (14) 2, Miss Queenie Cooper 3, P. M. White 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, H. Trollope (first quarter) 6. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

LUTON, BEDS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Davis 1, A. King 2, J. Wing 3, A. J. Smith 4, H. Burton 5, R. Kendall 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, D. Newman 8.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Brighton 1, F. Wilkinson 2, Fd. Kneeshaw 3, C. Bairstow 4, J. W. Kneeshaw (cond.) 5, H. Musk 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, Jno. Ingham 3, A. Bottomley 4, Jas. Ingham (cond.) 5, F. Greenwood 6, J. Parker 7, R. Grave 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Webb 1, C. Kinch 2, H. Werrett 3, I. Werrett 4, J. Dear 5, W. Pooley 6, E. Buck (first in method as cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8. First in the method on the bells and by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, H. Goakes 2, S. Wright 3, J. Mounfield 4, W. Waldron 5, N. Chaddock 6, G. Bush 7, A. Joyce 8.

RUGBY, WARWS.—At St. Andrew's Church, 1260 Doubles (St. Simon, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman): Mrs. W. Vann 1, W. Vann 2, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 3, R. Gibbons 4, A. E. Barlow 5.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Cornelius 1, F. Welch 2, D. Best 3, R. Beale 4, A. Drayton 5, R. Welch 6, T. Lake (cond.) 7, T. Hill (first quarter) 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Shadrack 1, E. Runter 2, J. Myhill 3, Miss A. White 4, Miss J. Thomas 5, H. W. Shadrack (cond.) 6.

STRETFORD, LANCS. — 1,440 Minor: (720 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Single) H. Birchall 1, T. Birchall 2, G. E. M. Dean 3, W. Birchall 4, H. Chapman 5, W. J. Moss (cond.) 6, F. Steele 7.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Peers, jun., 1, G. Peers, sen., 2, A. Rackham 3, E. Elton 4, N. Pratt 5, C. Pratt 6, H. J. Dakin (cond.) 7, S. Dunkley 8.

TAUNTON.—1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hansford 1, F. Chedzey 2, H. Walker 3, W. Tarr 4, C. Williams 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, F. Matravers 8.

WALKDEN, LANCS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, J. Denner (first as conductor after over 60 years' ringing) 2, Miss A. Potter 3, J. Denner 4, J. Potter 5, A. Burton 6, A. Boyer 7, H. Prescott 8.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Killick (first quarter) 1, F. Ellen 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, E. Wood 5, S. White (cond.) 6.

WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Deacon (first quarter) 1, V. A. Perry 2, G. H. Webb 3, A. H. Hinton 4, J. H. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Robinson 6.

WIGAN. — Poolstock, St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Parker 1, R. Forshaw 2, C. Brown 4, J. Burns 4, J. Errington 5, S. Forshaw 6, S. Clough (cond.) 7, W. Farrimond 8.

WIGAN.—At the Church of All Saints': 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Farrimond 1, A. Parker 2, J. Burns 3, T. Tinsley 4, J. Major 5, S. Forshaw (cond.) 6, S. Clough 7, E. Arrowsmith 8.

WOOL, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. Williams 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, W. Langford 3, A. Dorey 4, H. Runyard 5, H. Stevens 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SUMMER, 1948. — Practice at Morecambe Church, Saturdays, 6.30 p.m. Practice, St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, Thursdays, 8 p.m., except first Thursday in each month. All ringers welcome. 3470

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify H. A. Pratt, District Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3473

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. — Meeting, Claverdon (6 bells), Saturday, May 22nd, 3 p.m. A good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Hon. Sec. 3500

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Eynesbury, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3501

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Dersingham (6), Saturday, May 22nd. Cups of tea available, but please bring food. Other arrangements as usual. — W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3502

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Stratton, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Bradford Peverell bells (5) also available. Trains (G.W.R.) and buses from Dorchester from 2.30 onwards.—J. Hayne, Sec. 3504

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Newdigate, May 22nd. Usual arrangements. Tea at the Village Club. Please notify Mr. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith. 3516

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Combined meeting, Basingstoke and Newbury Branches, Aldermaston, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. 3523

EAST BERKS. SOUTH BUCKS, SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX. — Joint meeting, Denham, Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service. Tea. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3521

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Much Marcle, May 22nd. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Post Office. 3503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting, Farnham (8), Saturday, May 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Thursday previous to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnboro', Hants. 3530

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Thorley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Monday, May 24th, please.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3494

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting at Old Woking, May 29th. Service 3.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.15. Bells available between service and tea and after meeting. Numbers for tea to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, by May 22nd. All ringers invited. (20-seater coach available for one journey from Old Woking to Pyrford and back in connection with visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave.) 3505

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave May 29th, 4.14 p.m. at Pyrford Church. Old Woking bells in the evening. Coach (limited to 20 seats and one journey) from Old Woking at 4 p.m. and return. 3506

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Mereworth (6), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Nettlestead (5) bells 2.15. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3527

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Saturday, May 29th, North Mimms (8), 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3522

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Machen, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 3518

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts.—Joint meeting, Fornham St. Martin, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, May 26th.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 3511

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh District. — Meeting, Stoke-by-Nayland (6), Saturday, May 29th. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. —J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec., 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk. 3532

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Alveston (6), May 29th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3533

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Fawley, May 29th, 2.30. Names for tea by May 25th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 3534

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting, Shilton, near Coventry, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton, not later than May 25th.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec. 3535

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Thurnby (5), May 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Rose and Crown, 5, for those who notify by Tuesday, May 25th, latest, Mr. H. L. Wykes, Grange Lane, Thurnby.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 3537

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery.—Monthly practice meeting at Wembdon, May 29th, 6 p.m. 3538

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—Augmented ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. on Saturday, May 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify A. C. Rose, Brook Street, Stotfold, Beds, by Monday, May 24th.—R. T. Newman. 3541

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tickhill (8), May 29th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3543

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, May 29th, Cole Orton, near Coalville. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea provided in Schoolroom 5.—C. W. Hall, Dis. Sec. 3545

CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8), Saturday, May 29th, 2.30. Own tea arrangements. Cafes available. All welcome. 3546

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Ratby (8), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, May 25th, to Mr. V. Geary, 30, Ratby Road, Groby. No names no tea.—W. J. Root, Dis. Sec. 3549

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Thirsk (8 bells), Saturday, May 29th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stott, 36, Kirkgate, Thirsk, before the 27th.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 3551

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Guiseley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each arranged for those who notify Mr. A. C. Walsh, 45, Ashtofts Mount, Guiseley. Business meeting to follow. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3550

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted (6), June 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than May 29th to Mr. F. Budgen, Court Lodge, Brasted, Sevenoaks. 3520

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Twyford, Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not any later than Saturday, May 29th. Please be prompt with bookings for tea owing to catering difficulties.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 3408

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Market Deeping on June 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Blue Bird Cafe for those who notify me by Monday, May 31st.—B. H. Dalton, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 3542

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Acton, Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by June 2nd, without fail, to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 3539

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Meeting, Shenfield (6), June 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea at Shenfield. Brentwood (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Rounds upwards.—F. V. Gant. 3544

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, June 5th, 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names to W. Thornley, jun., 12, Peatfield Road, Stapleford, Nottingham, by Wednesday, June 2nd. 3547

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 31st. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 3548

SHREWSBURY.—At. St. Chad's, 1,260 of Bob Royal: Miss E. Carter (first of Royal) 1, A. E. Reeves 2, W. Brookes 3, C. Barron 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, W. A. Farmer (first of Royal as conductor) 7, F. Beddow 8, R. R. Pole 9, F. H. Bennett 10.

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DEVIZES, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, R. Swift 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6.

FULMER, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. F. Black 1, Doris Bolton 2, F. T. Bolton 3, E. Harding 4, G. Swift 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 2.

Mrs. T. J. Lock's 100 Peals

Mrs. T. J. Lock, of North Mimms, rang her 100th peal at her home tower on April 24th. It was a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, conducted by her husband, and it was their 40th peal together and in celebration of their tenth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Lock rang her first peal as Miss K. M. Bradford on April 27th, 1929. Her peals are as follows:—

Minor.—Five methods 1, seven methods 5, Cambridge S. 1, seven Surprise 3—10.

Triples.—Grandsire 7, Stedman 3—10.

Major.—Plain Bob 4, D. Norwich C.B. 4, P. Bob and D.N.C.B. Spliced 1, P. Bob, Double Oxford and D.N.C.B. Spliced 1, Kent T.B. 9, Kent and Oxford T.B. Spliced 1, London S. 3, Cambridge S. 8, Bristol S. 1, Superlative S. 7, Ashtead S. 3, Yorkshire S. 5, Painswick S. 1, Windsor S. 1, Ipswich S. 1, Belgrave S. 1, Truro S. 1, Runnymede S. 1, Boveney S. 1, Ealing S. 1, New Cambridge S. 1, Rutland S. 1, Wembley S. 1, Pyrford S. 1, Spliced S. in two methods 1, in four methods 4, in five methods 1, in six methods 1, in seven methods 1, in nine methods 1—68.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 3—5.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 1, Yorkshire S. 1, Albanian S. 1—5.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 1.

Mary R. Jaycock, of Burnham, Bucks, has the following variety of peals to her credit before reaching her 14th birthday. All peals rung inside except one peal of Minor in seven methods, to which she rang the treble: Minor in four methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 2; Triples, Stedman 1, Oxford Bob 1, Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 2; Major, Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 2. Does this happen to be equalled in any other tower?

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CENTRAL COUNCIL, LONDON, 1948

THE growing interest of the Exercise in the work of the Central Council was again clearly demonstrated at the 51st annual meeting when, in spite of great difficulties in finding hotel (and other) accommodation, a record number of members attended.

Thanks to the influence of Mr. A. A. Hughes (who is a Liveryman of the Skinners Company), and the kind permission of the Master, Rev. Canon Adam Fox, D.D., the Council were privileged to meet in the beautiful hall of the Skinners Company, and, large though this hall is, extra seats had to be brought in to accommodate the number present.

The proceedings commenced on a happy note when the Master of the Skinners Company welcomed the assembly in warm but dignified tones. He was followed by Dr. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's, who, after paying a high tribute to the work of ringers in the Church, led the meeting in prayer.

Thanks having been expressed by the president, the Council settled down to a formidable agenda. Due to the skill and efficiency of the president, this was completed by 5.30 p.m., and will be fully reported elsewhere.

The Ancient Society of College Youths, who were having their monthly practice at St. Paul's, generously gave way to those visitors who desired to try their skill on this noble ring, and many were thrilled to have this opportunity. A friendly hour or so was afterwards spent at the Old Bell in Holborn.

These gatherings of enthusiasts from all parts of the country (and Ireland) leave happy impressions on the mind. It was very nice to see 'old timers' like George Williams, Henry R. Newton (that prince of heavy bell ringers), W. H. Barber, Albert Walker, J. W. Jones and many others, eager and alert as always, keeping a fatherly eye on the proceedings. Then there was the Rev. A. G. Thurlow, breezy and with an eye to business. (What a splendid commercial traveller he would make!) It was not so easy to see the 'sombre but dignified personages' this time, as they were not raised up from the floor as at Exeter. One missed Canon Coleridge, that great servant of the Council, and 'Tom Bowling' (now Marshall), also Hilda Snowden.

It was a unique experience to see the Masters of the Ancient Society and the Cumberlands teaming up to ring St. Paul's tenor and making a good job of it, too—a happy augury! Once again we had the pleasure of listening to the lovely Irish 'burr' of F. E. Dukes, and we were, as usual, impressed by the sturdy enunciation of that Cockney Yorkshireman, P. J. Johnson. Feasts of theory were provided by H. G. Cashmore and Chris Woolley—much better than the 'dog fights' which characterised the discussions in the past. Finally, everyone present was impressed by the efficiency of the secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, and his wife (a perfect team). May they long continue to serve the Council.

J. F. S.

ROYAL SILVER WEDDING PEALS

SECOND INSTALMENT

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*SAM SCATTERGOOD	*Treble*	*STANLEY SLANEY	6
WALTER ALLWOOD	2	*PHILIP L. PARROTT	7
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	FRED A. ADAMS	8
WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	*HAROLD KENT	9
*WILLIAM E. COURT	5	EDWARD F. GOBEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* First peal of Kent Royal. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

LONDON, W.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	*D. W. R. WINTERTON	6
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	8
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES	4	BENJAMIN BAKER	9
PETER BOND	5	THOMAS BEVAN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. T. DALTRY. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 30 cwt.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
*JEFFREY B. WEBB	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
MISS JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
†FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	4	MARK N. CULLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.
* First 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY	6
WALTER J. LEMON	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
FRANK E. WALKER	4	ROBERT G. RAYFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE T. PEGNALL	5
ROBERT G. FISHER	2	WALTER R. FARROW	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	RUSSELL W. CURSON	7
PHILIP W. J. FRYER	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK C. CASE	*Treble*	ALBERT J. GREEN	5
FRANK J. GREEN	2	†GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
*ERNEST LINES	3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	7
*CECIL HINTON	4	WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILFRED EDWARDS	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	F. DONALD BOREHAM	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
*ALBERT BRIDGES	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. SANDERS	*Treble*	MISS JOAN E. WITHEY	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	6
†REV. A. S. ROBERTS	3	HARRY MILES	7
THOMAS G. MYERS	4	CYRIL E. LANXON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.
* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS NORMA HOWES	*Treble*	†BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS	5
GEORGE H. PAULSON	2	†ERIC J. STERLAND	6
†MISS D. JEAN DUNN	3	EDWIN HOPKINSON	7
†E. GLYN HOLDGATE	4	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS IVY M. JORDAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY	4
HORACE O. OVER	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
ROLAND BENISTONE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES G. J. FORD	*Treble*	W. HAROLD TOMS	4
*WALTER G. TREVETT	2	HENRY J. FORD	5
JOSEPH H. HAYNE	3	*ALGERIA W. C. ELLERY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	REGINALD I. BREWER	4
*RAYMOND A. BREWER	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
GEORGE L. CORNWALL	3	JOHN J. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents each called differently.

JOHN WARD	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	4
ARTHUR CATTELL	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	5
*MISS E. FAULKNALL	3	†TERRY THORNBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WALLACE W. COUSINS	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	4
EDWARD BARKER	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Treble*	RICHARD REECE	4
RICHARD HINDE	2	FREDERICK FLINT ...	5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ...	3	ARNOLD HILL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Ipswich, Bourne, York, Beverley, London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
*PAMELA A. MARTIN ...	2	†HERBERT GATES	5
*TERENCE G. MORTON ...	3	WALTER AYRE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in seven Surprise methods.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores of Stedman and ten each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb

*TREVOR PAYNE ...	*Treble*	EDWARD J. AVERY... ...	4
EDWARD E. FISHER ...	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	REGINALD A. DARE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal. First peal in five methods by all the band.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *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 9 cwt.

*MISS PAMELA KEMP	*Treble*	†MISS PREMA FERNANDO	4
HENRY T. WILSON ...	2	PATRICK CROSS	5
NISSANKA FERNANDO ...	3	HARRY TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

DONALD G. CLARKE	*Treble*	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	4
JOHN W. JONES	2	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ...	5
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM...	3	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 50, 48, 37, 49, 55, 28, 29).

*PHILIP J. DELMON	*Treble*	ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER ...	4
LEONARD E. TUBB ...	2	PHILIP BLAKE	5
FREDERICK A. BARKER	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *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.

*NORMAN ROWLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE GOULDER	4
HARRY CLARIDGE	2	JOSEPH GREGORY	5
ERIC CLARIDGE	3	WILFRED ROWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.
* First peal.

OTHER PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ALBERT WALKER ...	*Treble*	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	7
HENRY H. FEARN	2	*ARTHUR D. COOK ...	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	9
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	5	LEONARD TREVOR ...	11
FRANK E. PERVIN	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HY. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Maximus.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

H. E. C. GOODENOUGH	*Treble*	†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	7
*CHARLES F. SAYER ...	2	‡ALFRED J. HATTEN ...	8
MRS. T. J. LOCK ...	3	†BERTRAM C. JOHNSON...	9
†DONALD C. PRICE ...	4	HAROLD BURTON	10
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ...	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	11
†ARTHUR DAY	6	†BERTIE A. CORNELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. ‡ First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ...	*Treble*	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	2	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	7
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ...	8
HENRY H. FEARN	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
JOHN PINFOLD	5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*IVOR GOULTER ...	*Treble*	*PETER BAKER	6
†JOHN THOMAS	2	*TREVOR NEWBURY ...	7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ...	3	FREDERICK HAWKES ...	8
*FREDERICK NURDEN ...	4	*LESLIE ASTON	9
*MICHAEL CLIFFORD ...	5	LESLIE BARRY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK A. FINCH	*Treble*	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ...	6
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN	2	EDWARD G. TALBOT ...	7
FRANK E. DARBY	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	9
*FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

MANCHESTER.
NATIONAL POLICE GUILD and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 42 cwt.

Ex-P.C. J. MULLINER	*Treble*	*P.C. SID. HOUGH, JUN.	6
Ex-SUPT. F. R. WILLIAMS	2	P.S. EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
Ex-P.C. DONALD BROWN	3	Ex-P.S. PETER CROOK	8
INSP. HARRY ANDERTON	4	P.S. ALBERT FORD ...	9
Ex-P.C. WILLIAM PYE ...	5	P.C. RICHARD BENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by Ex-P.S. PETER CROOK.
* First peal in the method. To celebrate the retirement of ex-P.C. Pye from the Manchester City Police.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

BERTIE O. SODEN	*Treble*	ERIC NOBLES	5
*RONALD C. NOON ...	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	6
WILLIAM J. DOVE ...	3	PHILIP JONES	7
†REGINALD FINCH ...	4	GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C. 99). Conducted by R. C. NOON.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Major. A wedding compliment to John Soden (son of the ringer of the treble) and Miss Vera Howard, Lydiard Millicent, Wilts. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

HAROLD DRAKE	*Treble*	JOHN TAYLOR	5
HORACE MORLEY	2	LESLIE WOODHEAD ...	6
JACK WAUD	3	HERBERT LUDKIN	7
LEONARD DRAKE	4	GEORGE WAUD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.
To celebrate the centenary of the church and also the birth of a son to the tenor ringer.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY COLLEY	*Treble*	JACK MUNDAY	5
WILLIAM BEESON	2	HENRY WEAVER	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	HAROLD WOOD	7
LEONARD STILWELL ...	4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE	*Treble*	*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ...	5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ...	2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH	6
*PAMELA MARTIN	3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	7
EDWIN H. LEWIS ...	4	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal in the method.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*F. ARTHUR STAVELEY	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	2	*CHARLES THORLEY ...	6
*JAMES THORLEY	3	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	7
*ERNEST THORLEY	4	*J. ERNEST PADGETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	5
A. PATRICK CANNON ...	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
First peal in the method as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., May 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
*BETTY SPICE	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	6
HAROLD BURTON	3	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	7
RONALD J. SHARP ...	4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents: (1) Norwich; (2) Ipswich; (3) Surfleet; (4) Beverley; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
BETTY SPICE	2	HAROLD BURTON	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Single and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

THOS. S. HORRIDGE	*Treble*	PHYLLIS BOOTH	4
SYDNEY FLINT	2	*DENNIS BOOTH	5
JAMES TAYLOR	3	WM. H. DEACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.
* First peal of Minor.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

*ERNEST E. GOSLING	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	4
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	2	RONALD H. DOVE	5
†DAVID H. PEARCE ...	3	GEORGE GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*CYRIL COUSINS ...	*Treble*	CLAUDE COUSINS	4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	5
EDWARD BARKER	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal, aged 15.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Single Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble, three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN SHATFORD ...	*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE...	4
MRS. G. E. WATSON ...	2	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	5
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON...	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First of Minor in four methods.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 different callings.

*DENIS HOWARD ...	*Treble*	†T. MARK WHITE	4
†MRS. F. A. MUNDAY ...	2	‡ERIC T. LEE	5
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...	3	*BASIL R. MESSENGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the Bish[op] of Guildford. Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID H. PEARCE ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ...	4
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	3	GEORGE GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal other than Plain Bob.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 28 of Grandsire. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

*GEORGE RUSCOE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ...	4
FREDERICK LEECH ...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN F. BUTLER	3	HARRY VICKERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.
* First peal.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, viz., two of Oxford Double Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

RONALD HOUGH ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	4
NORMAN HOUGH	2	JOHN WORTH	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. ...	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal 'in hand.'

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1-2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	5-6
FRANK L. FISHER	3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.
An 89th birthday compliment to Mrs. Hannah Spall, sister of G. and W. Wightman.

LEICESTER.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*MISS MARGARET BEAMISH	1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 2, 1948, *in* 5 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY BOWLING CLUB PAVILION,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 10800 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN A. ACRES	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	3-4	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	7-8
		GEOFFREY DODDS	9-10

Adapted from BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.
Umpires: ROGER LEIGH, ERNEST G. HIBBINS, T. REG. DENNIS.
The longest length of Bob Royal and of Royal upon handbells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT 34, ASTON LANE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*GEORGE F. SWANN... ...	1-2	RICHARD C. INGRAM... ...	5-6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	3-4	ALLAN SHORT	7-8
		†MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* 200th handbell peal. † 250th peal of Stedman.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Describing the journey from London to Buckfast Abbey for the recent peal, a correspondent writes: 'It was not long before one well-known member of the little party produced a wad of figures relative to peals, course-ends, quarter-peals and what-have-you of every method under the sun. No matter what subject came up for discussion, like the character in the radio show, it was "all down in his little book" (and he had not left it at home on the harmonium!).' This information ought to have been before the Central Council in the selection of the Methods Committee!

Mr. Sidney Hough, sen., has 'circled' Knutsford, Cheshire, tower.

Leicester Diocesan Guild has increased from 1949 its annual subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville left England by air on May 24th for Brazil, where he has accepted an appointment as schoolmaster-chaplain to the British Colony.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts rang his 100th peal in a commemoration of their Majesties' silver wedding. He believes he is the first Cornish ringer to reach a century.

A novelty at the meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild meeting at Cheadle was the ringing of half courses of Cambridge Surprise Major starting from 13245678 and running round at the treble's snap lead at the beginning of the fifth lead.

A new treble in memory of two former bell-ringers—the late Mr. F. Barber and Mr. B. Partridge—was dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough at Wilby, Northants. After the service many visitors assisted the local ringers in various touches and spoke in high praise of the musical tone of this ring of six, which are a little tricky to handle.

'In me are cast the voices of all European bells desecrated by the enemy for munitions, 1939-1945,' is the inscription on the seventh of the new ring of eight at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, which was dedicated on May 1st. The words are by Mr. C. W. Lawton. These bells are due to the initiative of Mr. F. Horsfield, who raised the £1.700 for bells and clock chimes in 27 months and trained a local team of boys with an average age of 15 to ring at the dedication by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield. The official weight of the tenor is 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Mr. Harry Colley rang the treble to a peal of Double Norwich at Billingshurst for his 70th birthday.

Husband and wife as Guild officers are to be found in the Sussex Association in Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs. The former was appointed Master in 1944 and Mrs. Hairs peal secretary and hon. secretary of the Southern Division.

When the Wigan Branch met at Christ Church, Southport, on May 1st, the Vicar, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said he hoped before long to have a scheme going for the recasting of his bells.

At the Mid-Devon Branch meeting at Buckfastleigh a letter was read from the B.B.C. of Bristol asking to be furnished with information about bells and bellringing in the West Country. This was left to the secretary.

Lewisham District of the K.C.A. are introducing a social meeting in addition to the usual quarterly meetings. At the meeting at Chislehurst on May 1st nine practising and two non-resident members were elected.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association have a standing order that a person shall be Master for one year only and shall serve only once. As exception was made in the case of Mr. J. W. Jones, who was Master in 1898 and was recently elected to that post.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL IN LONDON

RINGING A FOLK ART ..... RECORD ATTENDANCE ..... HONORARY MEMBERS' BALLOT A SURPRISE ..... EIGHT BELL COMPOSITIONS BOOK .. ... RECORD LENGTHS 'DECISIONS'

RICH in memories of London of the days of Christopher Wren was the first session of the twentieth Council (51st annual meeting), held at the Skinners' Hall, London, on Whit Tuesday. There was a record attendance of 137 members.

Canon Adam Fox, the Master of the Skinners' Company, and Dean Matthews, of St. Paul's, attended to receive the Council. With the President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) were the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian).

The Master of the Skinners' Company, in his words of welcome, said that his company had a bell in the hall which was the gift of Mr. Hughes and was rung in Corpus Christi Day. Someone had said the sound of bells was the last enchantment of the Middle Ages. As ringers they were survivors of a great art handed down from the Middle Ages, and he hoped that as the result of their deliberations their bells would ring more sweetly.

Dean Matthews, as the representative of the Church in the City of London, also extended a welcome. By a curious coincidence, he said, he had been connected with the two heaviest rings of bells in the country. He was Dean of Exeter before coming to St. Paul's. He remembered one occasion at Exeter when the bells seemed to be ringing all day and all night, and as his deanery was underneath the belfry, he was keener for bellringers at the start than at the finish (laughter). As a result of that long athletic exercise, a tablet was erected in the belfry. Only the other day his verger informed him that the bells of St. Paul's were to be rung for 3½ hours. Whether they broke down or not he did not know, but the fact was that they only rang for 2½ hours and they had all his blessing when they left off.

A FOLK ART

He believed he was right in saying that the ringing of peals on bells was an art confined to this country; it was only in this country that reason and imagination had been brought in to make the art of bellringing. Another thing that was very interesting in bellringing was that it had come right out of the people. It is not something that had been put into action by a lot of highbrows who had enlisted people to carry out their ideals. It was something to be thankful for that this folk art had been developed under the inspiration of the Church.

The note of bells was a note like no other. In no other way could the joy and sorrow of a community be so well expressed. 'When you ring your bells you are speaking to people's hearts and what more can the greatest poet do?'

Dean Matthews then said the opening prayers.

The President, in acknowledging the greeting, said the Master made a remark which was very dear to him when he said that he hoped that their bells would be rung more sweetly as the result of the Council meeting. He would say that for years he had been emphasising the importance of striking, and the object of good striking was to see that the bells were rung more sweetly. He presented the Master with a copy of Mr. Trollope's book, 'College Youths.' The Master, in accepting the gift, promised to have it placed in the College Library.

ROYAL GREETINGS.

The President said a ringer in Wales had suggested that Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh should be invited to open the proceedings of the Central Council in London. He wrote to the Princess making the suggestion and sent her copies of 'The Ringing World' containing the peals rung for her coming-of-age and also her marriage. He had since received a letter from the Private Secretary to the Princess, who was much interested in the contents and the journals. Her Royal Highness, however, regretted that she would have to decline the invitation owing to the number of engagements.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIETIES.

The Hon. Secretary reported as to the representation of societies. On the roll there were 146 members from 53 associations as follows:—

24 Associations, 4 members	... ...	96
4 Associations, 3 members	... ...	12
13 Associations, 2 members	... ...	26
12 Associations, 1 member	... ...	12
	Total	146

Honorary members numbered 17, making in all 163.

The number of associations had increased by one by the reaffiliation of the North Wales Association. The Truro Diocesan Guild had increased from one to four representatives, and the Barnsley and District Guild, the Derby and District Association and the Midland Counties Guild from one to two representatives. The only association that had not paid its affiliation fee was the Scottish.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—G. W. Cecil, E. G. Fenn, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan.—J. T. Dyke, H. J. Sanger, Miss N. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—H. Harding, A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University.—E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.

Chester Diocesan. — J. E. Bibby, J. W. Clarke, C. W. Lawton, C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, F. W. Perrens.

Derby and District.—G. C. Briggs.

Devon Guild.—A. L. Bennett, F. C. Smale.

Dudley and District.—F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle.—W. H. Barber, W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District.—A. Relfe.

Ely Diocesan.—C. W. Cook; E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—F. V. Gant, F. B. Lufkin, H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan. — W. B. Kynaston, S. T. Price, F. Skidmore, W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan. — G. L. Grover, A. Harman, A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan. — G. E. Oliver, G. J. Lewis, W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County. — W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, H. G. Cashmore, C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association. — F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County.—Dr. E. St. J. Hatcher, F. M. Mitchell, T. E. Sone, G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.

Lancashire Association. — P. Crook, W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan.—A. Ballard, J. P. Fidler, H. J. Poole, A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan. — J. W. Jones, E. Stitch.

London County Association.—H. W. Rogers, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association. — J. E. L. Cockey, A. W. Coles, T. J. Lock, W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Guild.—J. W. Cotton, B. G. Key.

North Staffordshire Association. — R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—A. J. Hughes.

Norwich Diocesan. — W. C. Duffield, F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan.—A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, F. D. Boreham, A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Miss B. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan. — G. W. Jeffs, W. Rose, G. S. Valentine, E. E. Whitmore.

St. David's Diocesan.—A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild.—A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, G. Harding, W. C. West.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—G. H. Cross, T. H. Francis, F. C. M. Knight, G. W. Steere.

Stafford Archdeaconry. — H. Knight, C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—C. W. Pipe, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds.

Surrey Association.—F. E. Collins, D. Cooper.

Sussex County. — R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway, F. I. Hairs, O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan. — D. H. Bennett.

Truro Diocesan. — H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts, F. D. Teague.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan.—Rev. W. H. K. Felstead, W. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers, G. Williams.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—B. C. Ashford, S. T. Holt.

Yorkshire Association.—Rev. C. O. Ellison, P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris, S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—C. Dean, G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, sen., W. H. J. Hooton, A. A. Hughes, C. H. Kinnin, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborne, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from Mrs. C. C. Marshall (hon. member), F. Ainsley (Durham and Newcastle), Miss H. G. Snowden (Essex), C. F. Johnston (hon. member), W. C. Wakley (Devon Guild), J. D. Johnson (Worcester and Districts), G. R. Newton (Lancashire), Mrs. O. Rogers (London County), E. A. Young (hon. member), Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University), F. Preecey (Salisbury Guild).

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were presented to the President:—

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody (Irish), Mr. G. W. Cecil (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. H. Miles and Mr. F. D. Teague (Truro Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. J. Hughes (North Wales), Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. S. T. Price and Mr. W. Williams (Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. Geo. Oliver (Hereford Diocesan), Mr. W. H. Park (Durham and Newcastle), Miss Betty Spice (Oxford University), Dr. Hatcher (Kent County), Messrs. F. C. M. Knight and T. H. Francis (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), Messrs. R. G. Bell and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. A. W. Coles (Middlesex), Mr. F. V. Gant (Essex), Mr. E. H. Mastin (Ely), Messrs. J. E. Bibby, C. W. Lawton and C. K. Lewis (Chester Diocesan), Mr. R. S. Anderson (North Staffordshire), Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. D. Boreham (Oxford Diocesan), Mr. G. E. Symonds (Suffolk), Rev. C. O. Ellison (Yorkshire), Mr. B. G. Key (Midland Counties), Mr. E. E. Whitmore (Peterborough), Mr. G. C. Briggs (Derby and District), and Mr. W. Osborne (hon. member).

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, said they would all agree that he had presided over their gatherings with tact, conspicuous ability and never-failing courtesy. 'I do not think we could better him and I can say while he never stifles debates, he makes speakers keep to the point and to the agenda.'

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in seconding, said: 'I consider the Central Council are extremely favoured by fortune in having one with the qualities of Mr. Lewis to preside over the proceedings.'

The resolution was carried with applause. Mr. Lewis, in thanking the members for 'this renewal of confidence,' said he would endeavour to do his best for the Council, but age was creeping on and he thought they should be looking round for a possible successor.

THE SECRETARYSHIP.

Subject to his election as a member later in the meeting, Mr. G. W. Fletcher was elected secretary on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

The President said there was some doubt about the interpretation of the rules. An honorary member, when elected, did not take his seat until after the end of the meeting at which he was elected. That was not quite clear in regard to officers of the Council. To keep things in order—he did not want anyone to say, if they utilised Mr. Fletcher's services that day, that the proceedings were null and void—he would like to move from the chair that Mr. Fletcher act as secretary of the Council.

Mr. A. Walker seconded and the resolution was carried.

HON. LIBRARIAN.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected hon. librarian on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary announced that 14 honorary members were due to retire.

The President said the Standing Committee discussed the question the previous evening and they recommended four names, viz., Canon Coleridge, who had ceased to be a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whom they thought they should retain as long as possible; Mr. G. W. Fletcher; Mr. W. Viggers, of Aldershot, who had done valuable work for the Biographies Committee; Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was a member of the Council and was a member of the Peal Collection Committee. If all the retiring members stood it would mean that there would be 18 names for 17 places.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. F. Hairs seconded that these four names be added to the list.

Mr. Walter Ayre, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Miss M. Cross were elected tellers.

Later in the day the result of the ballot was announced as follows:—

Elected: Mr. C. Dean 133, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton 133, Canon Coleridge 133, Mr. E. H. Lewis 132, Mr. G. W. Fletcher 132, Mr. A. Walker 132, Mr. A. A. Hughes 131, Mr. G. E. Debenham 131, Mr. F. Sharpe 130, Mr. J. F. Smallwood 127, Mr. E. A. Barnett 126, Mr. W. Viggers 125, Mr. C. F. Johnston 124, Mr. E. Alex. Young 123, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. 116, the Earl of Shaftesbury 112, Mrs. C. C. Marshall 111.

Not elected: Mr. E. C. S. Turner 101.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The President said that at the Standing Committee attention was drawn to the fact that in the minutes which were circulated no reference to the royal telegrams to Princess Elizabeth and Queen Mary was recorded. This matter had been rectified in the minute book. He moved that the minutes as published, with this addition, be taken as read and approved.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded.—Agreed.

MATTERS ARISING.

The Hon. Secretary stated that at the meeting last year the Standing Committee were asked to appoint a small committee to deal with the Roll of Honour and Revision of Rules. Obviously there was no time in the third session to complete the work—in fact there was little time to start it. It was thought fit that the members engaged on that work should wait until the result of the elections that day.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

Members stood while the list of those who had died since the last meeting was read as follows:—

J. A. Trollope, Norwich Diocesan 1897-1899, hon. member 1900-1947, attended 35 meetings; Keith Hart, Sussex County 1912-1914; E. Denison Taylor, Midland Counties 1930-1938, attended nine meetings; Rev. E. S. Powell, Devon Guild 1914-1935, Peterborough 1936, attended 16 meetings; R. Matthews, Worcester and Districts 1924-1926; Rev. H. Drake, Salisbury Diocesan 1903-1908; Norwich Diocesan 1918-1921, Suffolk 1922-1947, attended 27 meetings; J. J. Jutson, Peterborough 1924-1926; G. Chester, North Lincolnshire 1897-1899, Lincoln Diocesan 1900-1939, attended 16 meetings; F. B. Tompkins, Sussex County 1906-1914, attended seven meetings; E. H. Lindup, Sussex County 1915-1918.

A tribute to the memory of Mr. J. A. Trollope was paid by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who said he was a most lovable man and it was a great sorrow to him when the end of his career came at Norwich.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The report of Mr. Hooton stated: During the year very few library books had been lent, but various searches had been made in the volumes of ringing papers and in MSS. for information required about peal compositions and records. Mr. F. J. Hill, of the British Museum, was given an opportunity of consulting the library in connection with his supplementary bibliography of bell literature.

The following gifts to the library were gratefully acknowledged: Papers of the late Henry Dains from Mr. Dew; 'Ringing Worlds' (two volumes), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher; 'Radnorshire Bells,' remaining parts title and foreword, from Mr. F. Sharpe; MS. proof of 'Treble Bob Major' from Mr. G. L. Joyce; 'Directory of Church Bell Ringers,' fourth edition, and 'Cambridge Surprise' (W. A. Cave), also 'Method Splicing,' by J. P. Fidler, 1915, all from Mr. A. C. Godfrey; 'Belfries and Ringers' (Canon Ellacombe), from Mr. C. T. Coles, per Mr. E. C. S. Turner; 'Analysis of bells from the pre-Reformation foundry at Bury St. Edmunds,' from the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, per hon. secretary of Cambridge University Guild.

The number of copies sold had increased since last year, but the return was less owing to the exhaustion of higher priced books. The supply of 'Hints' ran out and 2,000 had been printed to sell at 4d. There was still a steady demand for Triples Methods and for the Card of Instructions. The 300 'Mysteries Unveiled' made available last June had been reduced to 101. Requests for the following out of print books continued to come in: Doubles and Minor, and Major and Cater Methods. There had been enquiries, too, for figures of Doubles Methods, and for a book containing a large selection, and it was possible that such a publication was really needed.

Sales amounted to £25 11s. 7d.

Mr. Hooton, in moving the adoption of the report, said the Doubles and Minor book was being reprinted and there would be 750 copies available to be sold at 3s. 3d. He thought that a book on Doubles Methods was also necessary.

Mr. George Cross seconded.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner said if it was not too late he would like to see the Doubles section strengthened. If anybody had any Doubles methods he would see that they were in the book.

Mr. Hooton said the Doubles Methods contained a large number which were known as illegitimate. There were nearly 200 such peals.

Mr. C. H. Kippin: If these are published and rung, is it a fact that the Council will not recognise them? (laughter).

The President said what was proposed was that certain methods, which were not in accordance with the Central Council's decisions and recommendations and should not be encouraged, were to be published in order to keep up interest among five-bell ringers. He thought these Doubles should be in a separate book, but that could be thrashed out by the Methods Committee.

The report was adopted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The statement of accounts showed affiliation fees £33 15s., subscriptions honorary members £1, sale of publications balance £21 5s. 6d., which, with £324 9s. 1d. carried forward, made a total of £380 9s. 7d. The year concluded with a balance of £286 12s. 2d., the main items being sums voted at 1947 meeting £22 11s., Libraries and Publications £36 1s. 9d., Biographies Committee £6 15s. 5d., expenses of Exeter meeting £3 6s.

The Secretary said the accounts were prepared the previous Wednesday, and after that day four affiliation fees had been received. He asked all representatives to ask their treasurers to pay promptly. The final balance was somewhat less than they started with. It was never intended to accumulate a big balance; they would prefer to see it in publications. He proposed the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

In reply to questions, the Hon. Secretary said the accounts were closed as near to Whitsun as possible. Mr. A. C. Hazelden suggested that the accounts should close on March 25th.

The Secretary replied that any alteration of date would have to be considered by the small committee dealing with revision of rules.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report of the trustees stated that Mr. Young and Mr. Sharman (demonstrator) examined the machine about 10 months ago. In Mr. Sharman's opinion, a good deal of overhaul would be necessary before the machine could be satisfactorily demonstrated. Many of the working parts were rather gummed up and a number showed wear. This would mean taking almost all of it to pieces for thorough cleaning and perhaps the renewal of a few parts. This would be rather costly, and as Mr. Sharman was not in good health at present it was difficult to say when such work could be undertaken. It would be an advantage to find someone sufficiently interested and with good mechanical knowledge to spend some time going over the machine with Mr. Sharman and so become properly acquainted with the principles of its operation.

Mr. A. A. Hughes moved the adoption of the report and said that Mr. Young resigned his trusteeship at Exeter.

Mr. Smallwood seconded the adoption of the report and also moved that Mr. A. Walker be appointed a trustee. This was agreed to.

The Rev. W. H. K. Felstead said Mr. Brian Price was much interested in ringing machines and he would probably help to put it right.

The President suggested that the trustees get in touch with him.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

The following were elected:—

Mr. C. Dean, proposed by Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. Smallwood.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, proposed by Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Hooton.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Standing Committee had considered the agenda and had made certain recommendations which would be placed before the Council. As requested at the last meeting the following committees had been appointed:—

(1) To consider and report on the rules.

(2) To examine all decisions of the Council and report thereon (with power to co-opt from outside the Standing Committee).

(3) To consider the preparation of a Roll of Honour.

The President moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report stated: The work of compiling the Collection of eight-bell compositions is now finished, but the typing is not yet complete. It is hoped that this will be finished in the near future.

In view of the fact that Snowdon's 'Stedman' has recently been brought up to date and the 'Grandsire' book in the same series is shortly to be revised, your committee has decided to omit these two methods from the present Collection and devote it entirely to Major methods.

The Collection contains a selection of compositions in all the Standard and a few near-Standard Major methods, plus a number of compositions of Spliced Surprise Major.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore moved and Mr. C. W. Woolley seconded its adoption.

The Secretary said the second paragraph rather ran counter to the report adopted by the Council in 1934, which stated that the committee should collect peals in these methods.

Mr. Cashmore replied that he did not know anything about the terms of reference in 1934. The list was presented in 1939, and in the intervening years he had heard a lot of criticism about that collection. It was not a good collection, so when the Council met in 1945 at Birmingham Mr. Newton and he were reappointed and he obtained the typescript from Mrs. Fletcher and found it was really a hotchpotch. It was not properly arranged and, moreover, it was being used extensively to flog the compositions of one individual. If it was the wish of the Council to insert Stedman and Grandsire they could do so, but they thought it would be a waste of time to include them as there were two publications devoted to these compositions.

Mr. Harold Poole supported the committee.

The Rev. Felstead: Does it not depend on what is in the new Grandsire book? The old one had hardly anything on peals.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought if the Council included Grandsire and Stedman it would increase the size and delay publication.

Mr. Hooton said the book on odd bell methods was now exhausted.

The President said the original idea in 1934 was that this should be a small handbook for young conductors to give them a selection of all the different methods. Times had changed and it was for the Council to decide whether the publication took a slightly different form.

Mr. F. Hairs proposed that the committee's recommendation be adhered to and this was agreed.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Poole, seconded by Mr. Walker, the committee was elected as follows: Messrs. H. G. Cashmore (convener), G. R. Newton, C. W. Woolley and E. A. Barnett.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report submitted by Mr. Turner paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Trollope on this committee, with which he was associated for nearly 50 years. Two works were urgently needed by the Exercise—the collection of Plain Major Methods and a collection of Surprise Methods. During 1947 he recommended the printing without any amendment of the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.

Mr. Turner, in moving the report, said it would be the last one he would be concerned with. The work had given him much pleasure and he hoped that others more qualified would be able to carry on the work.

The Rev. Felstead expressed the hope that some means would be found of retaining Mr. Turner's services.

Mr. George Cross thought the Council ought to thank Mr. Turner for his work. The Council should have done better than it did that day.

Mr. N. Golden said he would like to second the adoption of the report. Everyone knew the brilliance of Mr. Turner in the field of composition, and it seemed a pity that his services could not be retained. They had been speaking about these books for 14 years.

Mr. Sedgley: In losing Mr. Turner we are losing one of our best young men, and I think some means should be found of retaining his services.

The report was adopted.

The committee was elected as follows: The Rev. Felstead (convener), Messrs. C. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore and Nolan Golden.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The committee represent a summary of the new methods and progressive lengths rung during 1947.

THE EXTREME IN RINGING



Miss Margaret Beamish and her mother, who is the hon. secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Margaret, who is now 12, has added to her long list of attainments the ringing of an 'inside pair' to a peal of Stedman. It was her first attempt for a peal 'in hand.' The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss M. V. Godderidge, of Folkestone. Margaret's father was this year elected Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

Mr. R. W. Stannard completed 62 years of peal ringing by a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Hornchurch for the royal silver wedding. This was rung on the 60th anniversary of 10,304 Bob Major he rang at Leiston, Suffolk, on April 21st, 1888.

Thirty-five years ago Mr. H. J. Halford became a ringer and chorister at Wadhurst Parish Church, near Tunbridge Wells. Fourteen years later he was appointed clerk and sexton and captain of the ringers. After ringing out the old year on his 80th birthday he retired from choir and belfry. As a mark of appreciation the parishioners on May 18th presented him with a cheque for £168. Ringing honours were 1,260 Bob Doubles (first quarter by a local band for 50 years) by C. Pilbeam 1, Mrs. C. A. Bassett 2, J. Newick 3, Miss M. Pilbeam 4, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. Palmer 6. It was the first quarter for 1, 3 and 6.

NEW METHODS.

Tower bells.—Jan. 17th, 5,056 Oswald Delight Major, Chester Diocesan; Jan. 24th, 5,024 Eardley Surprise Major, Kent County; March 15th, 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods, Lincoln Diocesan; March 17th, 5,056 Double Mancroft Bob Major, Chester Diocesan; April 12th, 5,024 Cobham Surprise Major, Guildford Diocesan; June 7th, 5,184 Maidstone Bob Major, Oxford University; Oct. 2nd, 5,056 Eastcote Surprise Major, Middlesex County; Oct. 24th, 5,024 Liverpool Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan; Nov. 15th, 5,040 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal, Yorkshire; Nov. 15th, 5,024 Barnet Surprise Major, Hertford County; Nov. 29th, 5,024 Rotherfield Surprise Major, Sussex County; Dec. 6th, 5,040 Albanian Surprise Royal, Hertford County; Dec. 8th, 5,024 Willesden Surprise Major, Middlesex County; Dec. 19th, 5,120 Hethersett Imperial Court Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan.

Handbells.—Feb. 2nd, 5,184, Winchester Bob Major, Oxford University; March 30th, 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan; June 8th, 5,152 Marlborough Bob Major, Oxford University; July 9th, 5,120 Felstead Surprise Major, Hertford County; Sept. 28th, 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan; Nov. 18th, 5,184 Jersey Surprise Major, Hertford County.

Progressive lengths.—April 7th, 9,000 Plain Bob Royal, Essex: July 12th, 5,152 Lincolnshire Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan; Oct. 4th, 14,144 London Surprise Major, Lincoln Diocesan.

Minor and Doubles.—On handbells peals of Minor were rung in 69, 91 and 105 methods by the Lincoln Diocesan; on tower bells Doubles in 22 and 25 methods, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

In checking the composition of the record length of Stedman Caters, 21,363 changes, rung at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, it has been discovered that the figures published in 'The Ringing World' and repeated in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' are incorrect. In turning course B, although the figures of the course-end are given correctly, a bob at 5 is omitted. It is proposed that for future reference the composition shall be reprinted in 'The Ringing World' in its correct form.

The committee desire direction as to whether the handbell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 13,664 changes, rung at Bushey, Feb. 29th, conforms to the requirements of a record peal, in view of the fact that the conditions relating to a record attempt were not complied with.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said regarding the 13,664 Double Norwich no one who knew the gentlemen who rang the peal would question that they rang the peal. As soon as one started ringing records they must be rung in a public place where people could hear and check the ringing. Going back to 1912, he could have rung his peal in a comfortable room, but the late Mr. Goldsmith informed him that as soon as one attempted a record it must be rung where people could hear it and check it. The record length of Bob Royal was at his suggestion rung in a public place.

The Secretary read the Decisions of the Council regarding peals rung to surpass a previous peal as follows:—

(1) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the Ringing Press, stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(2) That similar notice shall be sent to the conductor, or, if he cannot be traced, to some member of the band who rang in the peal which it is proposed to surpass; and to the secretary of the guild or association under whose title the said peal was rung.

(3) That a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal, which figures shall be strictly adhered to, be lodged previous to the attempt with the secretary or other responsible officer of the guild or association under whose title the band is to ring. . . .

(4) That, if possible, a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

Mr. Harold Poole: I can quite understand why so few records are attempted. I think it is quite time we abided by these decisions.

Mr. Woolley: May I suggest that it does not apply to handbell peals.

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved that the peal be accepted.

Mr. Hairs seconded and the Council agreed to this course.

Questions were then raised as to the absence of an umpire, and Mr. Cashmore said if they were going to insist on umpires they must have them capable. Once a peal had been rung it was an accomplished fact whether there was an umpire or not.

Mr. Johnson replied that these were regulations made by the Council, and it was their duty to administer them and abide by them. This was not the decision of the Standing Committee, but of the Council. When it was said that it was desirable it was never contemplated that people would go and deliberately flout them.

The President: We have settled the matter and the report was adopted. To this committee were appointed Mrs. Fletcher (convener) and Mrs. Marshall.

(To be continued)

10,800 Plain Bob Royal Peal

RECORD RUNG AT CAMBRIDGE, MAY 2nd, 1948.

Although comparisons are invidious, it must be emphasised from the start that the new record, in contrast to most, was rung entirely by 'non-experts' without any of the really first-class handbell conductors or of those who have rung several hundred peals. It was conceived, and rung, as an attempt by ordinary ringers, with no experience of long peals, to achieve a record length and it is hoped that its success will encourage others to do likewise.

Even before the Prittlewell peal last year there had been talk in Cambridge of an attempt for 10,000 Bob Royal, but the idea was shelved and it was not until after a peal at Newmarket in February that it was finally decided to make the attempt. After some negotiation a band was obtained and May 2nd chosen as the date for the attempt, when, by the kindness of Mr. Dennis, permission was obtained for the use of the Cambridge and County Bowling Club Pavilion and the stage was set.

The band arrived at 10.30 a.m. and it was decided, from the two sets brought by members, to make the attempt on Mr. Austin's set of handbells, cast by Shaw's, of Bradford (tenor size 16 in B flat). At 10.46 a start was made and the band steadily settled down to a regular pace of six minutes per course, which was maintained throughout. Everybody rose to the occasion and remarkably few trips were made, none of which ever looked like developing into anything serious.

The bells rolled round at 4.44 p.m. and I am glad to say that within an hour all five were ringing for evening service at their respective churches. Perhaps I may add that, in a memorable day, I shall never forget the expressions on two of the band's faces when they saw, just as they were beginning to feel a bit 'peckish,' one of the umpires unpack his picnic lunch! The other is the longing, and perhaps thirsty, look I observed on another's face when in the last part he noticed, hanging above my head, the tariff for the club bar. E.J.L.

THE COMPANY.

John A. ACRES.—Age 26. Rung 18, conducted 3. Has yet to ring his first tower bell peal. One of the Newmarket band, he started ringing just before the war and rang his first peal in 1939. A great enthusiast, he rang his first peal of Royal last November and displays great promise as a conductor.

Richard F. B. SPEED. Age 21. Rung 85, conducted 25. Commenced ringing since the ban as a pupil of Miss M. Cross, he has rung and called peals in a variety of methods, and as such is probably the most experienced conductor in the band. Now at an O.C.T.U. at Catterick, he is a member of the College Youths and was formerly Master of the University Guild.

Edwin J. LINDLEY. Age 20. Rung 79 (34 'in hand'), conducted 22 (17 'in hand'). Commenced ringing three years ago in Cambridge and was secretary of the Guild during the last year. He rang his first peal two years ago and since then has become interested in composing and conducting. He called his first handbell peal last July and his first of Royal in November.

Albert E. AUSTIN. Age 59. Rung 175, conducted 17. Between the wars he rang a large number of peals in a variety of methods, but during the past few years has confined his peal ringing activities to handbell ringing. As the most experienced member of the band, his handling of 7-8 contributed very largely to the success of the venture.

Geoffrey DODDS. Age 22. Rung 59, conducted 1. A member of the Guild and the Cumberlands, has rung peals in a variety of methods, including several of Surprise Royal. He started ringing just over ten years ago at Isleworth, but has only during the past year started ringing handbell peals.

LETTERS

HOLY WEEK RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Paice's argument in favour of ringing on the Saturday in Holy Week, published in your issue of May 14th, is ingenious, but will not bear investigation for the following reasons:—

(a) Saturday in Holy Week is one of the forty days of Lent, and the Lenten Fast does not end until midnight on that day.

(b) Easter is the one great festival which has no eve in the sense that the other four have. In the case of each of the latter the Collect for the Festival is ordered to be used at Evensong on the eve, but in the case of Easter it is definitely laid down as follows: 'At Evensong, Collect for Easter Even only.' This in itself is proof that the Church does not consider the evening of Saturday to be part of the Easter Festival.

(c) Some clergy make Evensong on Easter Even a 'First Evensong of Easter' or a 'Festal Evensong,' but such a service is not authorised by the Church, and is quite out of order. Dearmer says, 'There should be no Solemn Evensong on Easter Eve.'

Two wrongs do not make a right, and therefore to ring for a service which has no liturgical significance does not make the ringing any more correct. My previous contention that the bells should be silent in Holy Week stands unaltered.—Yours faithfully,

Goring-on-Thames. A. R. POYNTZ.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. W. J. Paice, is wrong in likening Easter Eve to Christmas Eve, for evensong on that day is not the first evensong of Easter. The Easter Collect is not used until Easter morning. Easter Even, or Holy Saturday, being provided with one of its own. It is undoubtedly in keeping with the character of the day that bells should not be rung in peal until daybreak on Easter Day, although a bell should be tolled for evensong. After Maundy Thursday morning, throughout Good Friday and on Holy Saturday morning all bells used to be completely silent, and this is surely a time when silence is as eloquent as sound.—Yours truly,

J. H. B. ANDREWS (Rev.).

Chittlehampton, Devon.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letters that have appeared in your recent columns regarding the above, I think all ringers should ponder over the words of Capt. A. R. Poyntz, which are of kindness and deep meaning. In my opinion, no better ringer could give us guidance on this subject. My memory goes back when he was at Dover Harbour and England then stood in wonderment as to what was going to happen across the Channel. The story of his adventures probably will never be known. But we may be assured that he was a part of that great force that stood solid for the peace and goodwill of all men with success. Therefore, let us take to heart his words. The Kent County Association, to which I belong, thoughtfully printed on the outside cover of the annual report for many years the Association's prayer, thus giving the ringer an opportunity of aiming at the highest ideals. Happily, only one peal was rung in Kent during the week.

Dover. CHARLES TURNER.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL TENOR

Dear Sir,—Re expanding tenors, I note with interest that this week Canterbury Cathedral tenor has grown to 34 cwt. (approx.)! I have always understood this bell to weigh just over 30 cwt., a few pounds less than that at All Saints', Maidstone, which is the heaviest bell in Kent, weight 31 cwt. (approx.) in C. May I suggest that conductors check weights of tenors before sending in peal reports? At the same time I should like to congratulate Mr. Cullingworth on turning in Canterbury tenor to a peal of Royal, for as far as I remember she is quite a handful to ring behind, let alone turn in!—Yours faithfully,

Orpington. PETER N. BOND.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM. — On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Pitman 1, A. Hannington 2, R. E. Coles 3, E. Stitch 4, G. I. Lewis 5, H. Boyce 6, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 7, A. Hoare 8.

BARRINGTON, CAMBS. — On April 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor (two different 720's): A. S. Watt 1, Miss G. Anderson-Smith 2, J. B. Rowsell 3, R. I. Harker 4, M. R. D. Harford (first as cond.) 5, B. D. Threlfall 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hughes 1, Miss K. M. Ruffell 2, L. G. Pitman 3, J. R. Wilson 4, George Wilson 5, V. Child 6, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 7, L. J. Evans 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dumbrell 1, W. Humphreys 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, F. J. Sanders 4, Rev. A. H. W. Sanders (Vicar) 5, J. W. Crouch 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On May 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: I. R. Davison 1, S. Wiltshire 2, Miss B. Cleveland 3, R. E. Manton (first of Major) 4, D. J. Cox 5, A. Rogers 6, E. A. Dench 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX. — On May 2nd, quarter-peal of Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): B. Bover 1, W. J. Barrett 2, Miss E. Mance 3, A. G. Bartholomew 4, P. J. Eves (cond.) 5, H. Meadowcroft 6. First in two methods by all the band.

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hawksley (first quarter) 1, E. T. Chapman (first in method) 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, A. Jones 4, W. T. Ellis 5, D. R. Judd 6, K. L. Brown (cond.) 7, E. C. S. Turner 8.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On May 1st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wareham 1, J. Topp 2, P. Bray 3, W. Mil's 4, K. Moon 5, W. Flower 6. D. Flower (first as cond.) 7, H. Brown 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave May 29th, 4.14 p.m. at Pyrford Church. Old Woking bells in the evening. Coach (limited to 20 seats and one journey) from Old Woking at 4 p.m. and return. 3506

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Thirsk (8 bells), Saturday, May 29th.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 3551

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh District. — Meeting, Stoke-by-Nayland (6), Saturday, May 29th. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. —J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec., 93, Angel Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk. 3532

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting at Old Woking, May 29th. Service 3.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.15. Bells available between service and tea and after meeting. All ringers invited. (20-seater coach available for one journey from Old Woking to Pyrford and back in connection with visit to J. S. Goldsmith's grave.) 3505

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Mereworth (6), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Nettlestead (5) bells 2.15. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3527

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—Augmented ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. on Saturday, May 29th, at 3 p.m.—R. T. Newman. 3541

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Meeting at Bottesford (8), Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bus from Melton 2.45.—J. H. Cook. 3575

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted (6), June 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than May 29th to Mr. F. Budgen, Court Lodge, Brasted, Sevenoaks. 3520

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting, Twyford, Saturday, June 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not any later than Saturday, May 29th. Please be prompt with bookings for tea owing to catering difficulties.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 3408

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Market Deeping on June 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Blue Bird Cafe for those who notify me by Monday, May 31st.—B. H. Dalton, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 3542

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Acton, Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by June 2nd, without fail, to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.—E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 3539

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Meeting, Shenfield (6), June 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea at Shenfield. Brentwood (8) 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Rounds upwards.—F. V. Gant. 3544

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly, Cuckfield (8), June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names by June 2nd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3555

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, Saturday, June 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3565

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Light refreshment provided. Names by June 1st.—H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 3568

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, June 5th, 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names to W. Thornley, jun., 12, Peatfield Road, Stapleford, Nottingham, by Wednesday, June 2nd. 3547

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 31st. — R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 3548

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Highclere, June 5th, 2.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5. Names by June 2nd to Rev. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke. 3559

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Beaminster on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Buses from Bridport every hour. Please notify for tea by May 29th.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 3561

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and THE LINCOLN LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincoln Ladies Guild, Bigby, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business and bells after tea. Bring own sandwiches. Tea provided. Numbers for tea by June 2nd to Rev. H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. —H. I. Mingay, Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 3558

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting at Twyford, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Notify for tea by June 2nd. —B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 3556

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Staindrop, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 3rd.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 3569

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Bristol City Branch. — Next meeting, June 5th, Emmanuel's, Clifton. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please book teas.—C. H. Wood, Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, Bristol 2. 3571

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3574

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION. —Western Branch.—Quarterly business meeting will be held at Bridekirk, near Cockermouth, June 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Secretary, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven, before May 31st. 3576

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyt's on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Harris, Waterdell Lane, St. Ippolyt's, by June 3rd.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 3579

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, June 5th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3554

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. A. Jenkins, 76, Brent Lane, Dartford, Kent, not later than Wednesday, June 2nd. Trains from Chatham 1.54 p.m. and 3.54 p.m. Bus No. 489 from Gravesend 7 minutes past every hour.— B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3553

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Upton Pyne (6), June 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Reply by June 2nd. Brampford Speke (6) open.—C. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 3578

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Milton Ernest on Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bletsoe bells available after tea.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis Sec. 3540

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea for those who send their names to Mr. W. H. Mapp, The Mill, Singleton, near Blackpool.—J. H. Foster. 3581

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OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Harwell, Saturday, June 12th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Tuesday, June 8th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 3515

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Congregational Church Hall. Numbers for tea by June 8th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 3572

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Ottershaw, June 12th. Usual arrangements. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Notifications by 9th D. Sleet, Fuchsia, Brox Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3577

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Eckington, June 12th. Tea for a limited number who notify G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 8th. 3563

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Reedham, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Burgess, Elm House, Reedham, by June 9th, very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3560

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Daventry, Saturday, June 12th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 8th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, Rugby. 3567

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tydd St. Mary, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea by June 5th to Mr. J. W. Ketteringham, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 3564

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting, Carmarthen (8), June 12th. Bells 1.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4. Names by June 5th to C. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanelly. 3557

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedgley, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by June 7th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3580

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day, Saturday, June 26th. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 3573

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 2nd, quarter-peal Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Cherry 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, D. C. Mears 5, W. E. Symonds 6, L. Fidler 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8. First quarter Cambridge 1, 4 and 8.

MESSINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ellerton 1, F. G. Nash 2, J. W. Toyne 3, G. Toyne (first quarter) 4, R. Traviss (cond.) 5, H. Parkin 6. In memoriam A. E. Peart.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first quarter) 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, J. Berry 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, T. Townsend 5, J. Daniell 6, H. Bishop 7, W. Bullock 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Messenger 1, Miss A. Bailey (cond.) 2, Miss M. Burrows 3, Miss J. Burrows 4, T. J. Southam 5, B. E. Johnson 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 6.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Ling 1, Mrs. E. Ovens 2, V. Ovens 3, S. Freeman (first quarter) 4, R. Lingwood 5, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On April 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Baker 1, P. C. Wright 2, Miss V. Wallis 3, Miss D. Jordan 4, C. F. Mills 5, F. P. Wright (cond.) 6, W. A. Sloman 7, D. G. Saul 8. First of Triples by a local band since before the war.

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A BISHOP ON ESSEX BELLS

THE Bishop of Colchester (the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough) gave a particularly striking address at the annual meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford Cathedral on Whit Monday, which we quote in extenso:—

One of the things which attracted me most when I arrived in Essex was the local county patriotism. I learned it in my native land of Norfolk and I am glad I have not had to transfer it far. It would be a shame if the bells in so many steeples were silent through lack of ringers. My own love of bells is due to the fact that I was brought up within sound of St. Peter Mancroft at Norwich, and other beautifully named churches. Now, in middle-age, I am intensely proud of the bells in my own Archdeaconry of Colchester—such bells as Saffron Walden or Thaxted, and of these bells at Chelmsford. I would think also of the smaller churches of Essex such as Greenstead Green, the bells of which greeted me and warmed my heart when I went to hold Confirmation services there. They not only greeted me, but the villages around, proclaiming the fact that more young villagers were being confirmed.

A church has a personality much in the same way as has a ship or a railway engine. Some are dignified, some majestic, some quaint, and some even comic in a lovable kind of way; but they stand dumb until the bells make them spring into life, for what living things bells are! I would remind you of the words of Alice Meynell:—

Brief on a flying night
From the shaken tower,
A flock of bells take flight,
And go with the hour.

Like birds from the cote to the gales
Abrupt—O hark!
A fleet of bells set sails
And go to the dark.

Sudden the cold airs swing
Alone, aloud,
A verse of bells takes wing
And flies with the cloud.

And the bells take one by surprise sometimes from some of the Essex turrets. Black Notley taught me better than that soon after my arrival in Essex, for, foolish and ignorant, I did not know of the sturdy structure in these small towers which carry the weight of the bells. If time allows I always show myself to the ringers, not because I am the manifestation of something wonderful, but because I like to see you absorbed in your task, uttering your wild cries, too absorbed to notice, and I am much too impressed to do other than grin or nod sheepishly and go down again.

Of course, I used to hope that I would be able to meet some of the ringers in the church afterwards, but it is a hope so far deferred. There must be something wrong if ringers restrict their activities to the towers only. The bells do more than I have yet said. Few can resist their appeal, especially at such times as harvest, or Easter, or at a memorial service, when they sound like an echo of trumpets on the other side.

You make the most ancient music of all. We can see the Middle Ages revealed in the architecture of ancient churches, but you make it audible. I will quote from some of the finest prose written by the historian James Anthony Froude:—

'And now it is all gone like an unsubstantial pageant faded: and between us and the old English lies a gulf of mystery which the prose of the historian will never adequately bridge. They cannot come to us, and our imagination can but feebly penetrate to them. Only among the aisles of the cathedral, only as we gaze upon their silent figures sleeping on their tombs, some faint conceptions float before us of what these men were when they were alive: and perhaps in the sound of the church bells, that peculiar creation of mediæval age, which falls upon the ear like the echo of a vanished world.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	7
*ALBERT WALKER	2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	8
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	10
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	6	EDWARD LLOYD ...	*Tenor*

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TEN BELL PEALS

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On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

*PETER G. PARROTT	*Treble*	‡CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...	6
†PETER R. BLACKMAN ...	2	HORACE C. GOODENOUGH	7
‡HELEN Y. GARDNER ...	3	HERBERT G. HUMPHRIES	8
THOMAS A. BLOW ...	4	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	9
DAVID R. PARSONS ...	5	‡GEOFFREY F. CARTER	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

JOAN SALMONS ...	*Treble*	†REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	*ROY FAITHFULL	7
*MAURICE BUTLER	3	*TOM PAGE	8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	9
GEORGE PULLINGER ...	5	REGINALD A. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal on ten bells † First peal of Treble Ten. First peal of Treble Ten as conductor. The first peal in the method on the bells since being augmented to ten. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., May 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN ...	6
H. JAMES TURNER ...	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	†FREDK. E. DUKES ...	8
*IAN D. HALLS	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
ARTHUR D. COOK	5	JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by A. WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells. H. H. Fearn's 250th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ...	2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ...	6
†MISS HAZEL DALE ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
TOM PAGE	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Superlative. † First Surprise peal. To commemorate the coming-of-age of the Diocese of Portsmouth. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 3¼ cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	*THOMAS HEMMING ...	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	6
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	3	†ARTHUR D. COOK ...	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* 200th peal together. † First peal in the method. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William Short.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK LITTLEFAIR	*Treble*	RICHARD BLAKEY	5
CHARLES SHARPLES	2	ERNEST J. GOWER	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	3	JACK CLEGG	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES BENNETT ...	*Treble*	MAURICE HODGSON	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Containing 1,440 changes each of London and Rutland, 768 Bristol and 480 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*EDWIN BARNETT ...	*Treble*	*PHILIP A. CORBY	5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	2	*HARRY HOVERD	6
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	*FREDEICK J. CULLUM ...	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in six Surprise methods. First in six methods by the Association.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

RUSSELL G. SPEARS	*Treble*	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	MAURICE HODGSON ...	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ...	3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt

*ERIC NOBLES ...	*Treble*	†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	5
HENRY H. FEARN ...	2	LEONARD TREVOR ...	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	3	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by PAUL K. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

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MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST DIDSBURY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN ...	...*Treble*	*ALEC CAIRNS	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	†RONALD AIREY	6
ALFRED FROST	3	BURLEY WALSHAW ...	7
JACK CLEGG	4	RICHARD BENSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOHN W. L. SLACK	...*Treble*	FRANK YATES	5
JOSEPH WHITTAKER ...	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON	4	*FRED HORSFIELD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells, which were dedicated on May 1st, 1948. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	...*Treble*	†NOEL J. DISERENS ...	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	REGINALD F. CROOK ...	6
*MISS A. B. DISERENS...	3	REGINALD W. REX ...	7
MRS. A. DISERENS ...	4	PERCY J. DYKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method.

SWANAGE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK PRECEY ...	5
A. LESLIE PEARSON ...	2	*G. FRANK HAYSOM ...	6
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt. 2¼ lb.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB-WITH-EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.

*LEONARD C. C. WARREN	*Treble*	†THOMAS W. KIMBER ...	5
MISS ANNIE BROWN ...	2	ALFRED E. REEVES ...	6
†MISS BERTHA JORDAN ...	3	JACK CARMAN	7
EDWIN J. BROWN ...	4	RAYMOND C. SEAGER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

*SYDNEY G. KING ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN H. DAVEY	5
HAROLD L. PARFREY ...	2	EDWARD J. FRY	6
*ELISABETH M. HANNAN	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
*BRENDA H. YOUNG ...	4	*LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS SENIOR ...	...*Treble*	‡GEORGE F. NEWTON ...	5
†JOYCE GAYMER	2	*JACK R. WORRALL ...	6
MARGARET FIDELL ...	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED...	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ...	4	W. NORMAN PARK	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

A. W. DICKERSON	...*Treble*	LIONEL A. LESTER ...	5
*HERBERT C. BOGGIS ...	2	REGINALD H. DRANE ...	6
ALBERT PEGG	3	†DENNIS POYNTZ	7
THOMAS SIMMONS ...	4	GEORGE POYNTZ ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICOL. Conducted by GEORGE POYNTZ.
* First of Treble Bob away from treble. † First of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Annable's. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*VICTOR BOWEN ...	...*Treble*	‡JACK HOLLOX	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	ARTHUR ROLFE	6
†STANLEY G. ELSEY ...	3	§EDWARD BARKER	7
*HARRY FOLLEN	4	WILLIAM ROSE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. § 50th peal for Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK	...*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
*NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (120). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

RANDWICK, SYDNEY.
NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Anzac Day. Apr. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5520 CHANGES;
Being 15 extents of Plain Bob, 11 of Grandsire, 8 of Old and 6 each of Antelope and April Day. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS BETTY SLOAN	...*Treble*	*RONALD S. ROWE ...	4
†MISS RUTH E. DONNELLY	2	JOHN DUNCAN	5
NORMAN G. ROBINSON...	3	*WILLIAM PEVERELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD S. ROWE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First muffled peal to be rung in Australia. Greatest number of changes ever rung in Australia.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

CHARLES A. BASSETT	...*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4
*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ...	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	FRANK H. HICKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Norwich, London, Cambridge, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

FLORRIE WYMAN ...	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING ...	4
LEONARD STILWELL ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,
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 11 cwt.

PATRICK HARRIS ...	...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
FREDERICK NURDEN ...	2	PETER BAKER	5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ...	3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

DONALD CHADWICK	*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
ARNOLD HILL	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ROLAND E. LEWIS	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM NUTT	4
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	FREDK. A. MERRICK ...	5
WILLIAM RANFORD ...	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
Rung on the opening day after rehanging, being the first peal on these bells since 1926.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION
On Mon., May 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

E. GLYN HOLDGATE (17)	*Treble*	ERIC J. STERLAND (17)...	4
*HAROLD FRANKLIN (17)	2	PETER H. WRIGHT (17)...	5
R. M. E. RICHARDS (15)	3	B. A. RICHARDS (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal in method by all the band.

SANDHURST, KENT.
HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Wed., May 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*J. OWEN SAUTER ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM GORRINGE ...	4
MISS RUTH LENEY ...	2	LESLIE W. JARVIS ...	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE ...	3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN COOK	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	4
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	5
HARRY FOLLEN	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.
* First peal, aged 15.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOLTON-ON-SWALE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS D. M. KILLINGLEY	*Treble*	†DENIS FRITH	4
*MISS BETTY E. STRUTT...	2	ROGER SPENCER	5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal. † First of Minor and of Plain Bob. First peal as conductor.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE HULATT ...	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
NORMAN INSKIP	2	ERIC SHARP	5
LEONARD WILLIAMS ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., May 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Treble*	WALTER J. COPE	4
MISS JOAN BERESFORD...	2	DENNIS BERESFORD ...	5
†PETER BERESFORD ...	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor. A sixteenth birthday compliment to the conductor.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	4
BRIAN S. COPE	2	RAYMOND H. IDLE ...	5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ...	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS DORIS SHEPPARD	*Treble*	THOMAS WITTS	4
LESLIE BARRY	2	*TREVOR PRITCHARD ...	5
HAROLD HOBBS	3	†MARLOW SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* Has now 'circled' the tower. † First peal.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *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, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ANTHONY E. BROOKS	*Treble*	PHILIP BARNES	4
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	FRANK LORD	5
JACK BRAY	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*THOMAS JACKSON ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ...	4
†URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	2	WALTER F. DOWNS ...	5
LEONARD E. SHARPE ...	3	RONALD G. BUGG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal other than tenor behind. † Has 'circled' the tower. Birthday peal for tenor ringer.

CASSINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	*Treble*	†ANDREW R. ROUTH ...	4
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	2	†DAVID GALLOP	5
BETTY SPICE	3	†PETER W. B. SEMMENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HAMER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE BROWN	*Treble*	*MISS BETTY MORELAND	4
ALBERT MILLS	2	ALLAN SMITH	5
ALWYN TAYLOR	3	JAMES TAYLOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.
* First peal in three methods. First as conductor in more than one method. Rung half-muffled on the anniversary of VE-Day.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Marple and Wilesden Delight; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (3) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (4) Braintree and Wragby Delight; (5) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (6) Morning Star and Norbury Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. C. K. LEWIS	*Treble*	*ERIC SIMPSON	4
MISS YVONNE BOTHAM...	2	*ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
JAMES A. MILNER ...	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in 20 methods. Forty-nine changes of method.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., May 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST ...	*Treble*	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	4
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
First peal of London Minor by all.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM SEEKINGS ...	*Treble*	WILFRED YOUNG	4
STANLEY MURPHY	2	WILLIAM FAY	5
ERIC SMITH	3	DUDLEY PAUL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

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LITTLE WITTENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of: (1) Chearsley Slow Course; (2) New Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) St. Matthew's; (5) St. Mark's; (6) London; (7) Union; (8) Stedman; (9) Eynsham; (10) St. Leonard's; (11) Cassington; (12) St. Peter's; (13) St. Columb; (14) Clifford Pleasure; (15) Southrepps Pleasure; (16) St. Nicholas'; (17) St. Giles; (18) Winchendon Place; (19) St. Miles; (20) St. Blaise; (21) Fortune; (22) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (23) Northrepps Pleasure; (24) Antelope; and two extents each of (25) St. Simon's; (26) St. Martin's; (27) Plain Bob; (28) Kennington; (29) Old; (30) Norfolk; (31) April Day; (32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (33) Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.) in B.

HARRY W. BADGER	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	3
NORA HONEY	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	4
		ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in 33 methods by all the band, and the first peal on the bells. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*A/C2 G. C. BAGLEY	*Treble*	†A/C2 DAVID J. COX ...	4
A/C2 FREDK. J. JACKSON	2	*A/C2 R. E. MANTON ...	5
A/C2 ERIC A. DENCH...	3	*A/C2 ALAN ROGERS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC DENCH.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SANDIACRE, NOTTS.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

ARTHUR SHEPPARD ...	*Treble*	GIRLING RIGBY	4
DENNIS R. CARLISLE ...	2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	3	ERNEST MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.
First peal in method by all the band and for the Association.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A new Doubles record has been established by Mr. Alan R. Pink and his Oxfordshire band. They have now reached 33 methods. This was established at Little Wittenham, Berkshire. The bells had not been rung for two years and the second double clappered on occasions.

A query from the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Is the handbell peal at Morriston the first in Wales?

All who rang in the peal of Minor at Elstow, Bedfordshire, served in the Army in the last war.

Mr. James George was visited by Bournemouth ringers recently, who found him much better and able to sit up in bed and ring 5-6 to several 120's.

Bournemouth is a rare place for bringing handbell ringers out of retirement. Mr. Albert H. Ward, of Derby, rang his first peal 'in hand' for 32 years!

The Essex Association have sent their congratulations to Mr. Alec Chalk, of Elsenham, a promising young conductor and grandson of one of the founders of the Association, on having gained an exhibition to Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Peterborough bellringers gained notoriety in connection with their visit to Stamford, Lincs. According to a national paper, when they stopped ringing to catch the last bus at 9 p.m. they found the belfry door locked from the outside. To their bangs and shouts the neighbourhood was deaf. They eventually smashed the lock and by sprinting caught the bus.

The peal of London Surprise Major at Whitley Bay for the Royal Silver Wedding was not the first in the method ever rung here by a local Sunday service band. The last peal in the method was rung on October 13th, 1924, when six members of the Gofton family, George Holmes and Stephen Stratford took part.

First R.A.F. peal comes from Broad Hinton, Wilts. The band came to grief in a previous attempt after 2 hours' ringing. It has now been split up, the majority being posted to Cranwell, Lincs.

Correction.—The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Bridgend on Aupril 26th was W. T. Petty and not as printed.

Participating in the peal of St. Clement's Minor at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, was 82-year-old Mr. John Perkins, the village blacksmith.

It is hoped that Leeds Parish Church bells will be broadcast before the evening service at 7.45 on Sunday, June 6th, on the Home Service.

The peal of Treble Ten at St. Michael's, Southampton, on May 8th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. George Williams, who was 91 on the previous day. He is probably the oldest 'youth' still on the active list.

The peal at Bigby, Lincs, was in remembrance of Arthur Craven, of Sheffield, and Albert Edward Craven (died April 27th) and Harry Williams, of Leeds. The wife of the Vicar of Bigby is the daughter of Harry Williams and niece of Arthur Craven, both of whom were well-known ringers 30 years ago.

The North-Western District of the Ladies' Guild extended congratulations to their secretary (Mrs. Mary Lewis) on her recent marriage when they met at Bowdon, Cheshire. New members elected were the Misses Joan Taggart (Marple), Joan Brentnall and Ethel Fernley (Norbury) and Barbara Smedley (Worsley).

With reference to Mr. W. A. Stote's question re weight of Hatfield tenor, Mr. A. Lawrence, the local captain, writes that the correct weight of the tenor given by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1938 when the ten bells were retuned and rehung in ball bearings was 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., and not 26 cwt. as was supposed to be before 1938.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL IN LONDON *(continued)*

Bob or Plain Bob ..... Singles in Treble Bob: Mr. Cashmore's Support ..... Bells and Radio ..... 'Ringing World' Accounts ..... An Invitation to York

MR. C. DEAN reported that the number of peals rung during 1947 was as follows:

On tower bells	1,953
On handbells	221
Total	2,174

Details were available for inspection by members of the Council. Included in the tower bells was a peal of Minor in two methods, one of which was Grandsire Minor, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise on January 18th, 1947, was understood to have been brought round by a Single. These peals were both included in the list. He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded and said he understood that this committee were blamed for having the word 'Plain' put in front of some peals. He did not know why it had been done; it was the first he had heard of it.

The Secretary: I think it can be answered in a few words. If anyone has a collection he will find that the method is described as Plain Bob.

Mr. C. Woolley: The name of the method is not Plain, but is Bob. I, for one, cannot see any reason for altering it.

Mr. W. Ayre: As a member of the committee I have no recollection of any order being given. It struck me as being very funny at the time, but it is very useful.

The President: The answer is given in the Council's own book. It is Plain Bob Major, so the committee thought the same terminology should be used in 'The Ringing World.'

The President added that it was a recommendation of the Standing Committee that peals in Treble Bob methods in which singles are used be not recognised.

The Rev. Felstead: It is very awkward for me to get up and defend this as the conductor is not able to be present. Will this be a new recommendation or has there been some actual recommendation in the past apart from the general knowledge that it is not usually done?

The President: We cannot find anything in the decisions about Treble Bob Major methods.

The Rev. Felstead: I would like to put in a plea for it. It has been described as a wangle, which, of course, it is in a way, but in an attempt to get a different composition for Cambridge Major is it any more of a wangle than parting the tenors? ('Yes.) I don't think so.

Mr. P. J. Johnson declared himself strongly opposed to admitting such a peal. He would say that the Council dropped a great brick when they decided to admit Bankes James' composition of Cambridge Minor. The people who rang this peal were leading the Exercise up the garden path. The peals had no value except as freaks. There were plenty of peals of Cambridge in which the traditional method and calls are used.

SINGLES IN TREBLE BOB.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore: Mr. Johnson has stated that the reason why singles are not used in Treble Bob methods is that they are not necessary; but singles are not necessary in Plain Major methods unless a length in excess of 20,000 is required, which is not very often, but this has not stopped their use. In my opinion, the reason why composers have not introduced singles in Treble Bob methods is that their use tremendously complicates proof.

This debate has arisen over Mr. Price's peal of Cambridge, but the real question is whether singles should be used in Treble Bob methods generally, and I propose to approach the matter from that angle. In actual fact, I forestalled Mr. Price by some 15 years.

I produced two similar compositions, each coming round with a single at the Wrong lead, one a 5,090 and the other a 5,058. At the time I was seeking to produce something which would be an advance, musically, on Middleton's composition, but had I used a little thought before I started I should have realised that with the single in that precise position it would not be possible to improve on Middleton's peal as all the composition with the exception of the last two rows would have to be in the orthodox 25 true courses.

Having failed in what I set out to achieve I threw the figures into the fire and I think that Mr. Price would have been well advised to have done the same with his, not because he had used a single, but because the peal was no advance on Middleton's.

If it can be shown that singles in Treble Bob methods generally can produce some advantage, why should they not be used? We all know that there are many fine Treble Bob methods of good construction which will not produce 5,000 changes with bobs only, but they might if singles were used.

Let me turn to another device which is in common use in peals of mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. This consists of substituting Kent places for Oxford places or vice versa, and the effect on the subsequent lead-end is precisely the same as if a single were used—the lead-end is out-of-course and the bells remain out-of-course until the next substitution takes place when they come back into course. Now one result of this device is that the symmetry of the lead is destroyed, which is not the case when an orthodox single is used, and for this Council to permit something which alters the nature of the lead-end and destroys the symmetry of the lead and yet frown on an orthodox single which has the same effect on the lead-end, but is perfectly symmetrical, seems to me to be illogical.

I suppose it would be true to say that every innovation which has been introduced since bells were first hung in a tower has met with stubborn opposition from the die-hards of the day. Half pull ringing, the 'turning in' of the tenor, and the substitution of the treble bob hunt for the plain hunt were, I have no doubt, regarded as things which would undermine the Exercise and bring it crashing to the ground. In my opinion, there can be no objection to the use of singles in any method, provided that their use produces some advantage which could not otherwise be obtained.

Mr. C. K. Lewis pointed out that Ilkeston should not be considered as 'spliced,' but as 'laminated.'

The President advised members to read Jasper Snowdon's remarks on Treble Bob. He reminded the members that the motion before the meeting was that peals in Treble Bob methods in which Singles are used be not recognised.

Mr. Harold Poole: In view of what has been said by Mr. Cashmore, would it not be better for the committee to go into it thoroughly? I am against it; I think it is only a trick. He moved that it be referred to the committee and this was agreed to.

The report was then adopted, and elected to this committee were Messrs. C. Dean (convener), Mr. G. L. Grover and Mr. W. Ayre.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The President reported that during the year the committee had dealt with 32 towers, but as none of these involved new principles he did not think it was worth while going into details. Most of the enquiries related to the regulation of sound.

Mr. F. Sharpe said he had an architect friend who was anxious for old bells to be hung dead and all sound by Ellacombe hammers. He would urge the reprinting as early as possible of the Council's publication on the Installation and Preservation of Church Bells.

The President: We have already powers to spend money on its reprinting.

Mr. George Williams: Some years ago at this Council meeting it was advocated that something should be done by the way of getting a rope or rail up staircases.

The President: We shall recommend it in the new edition. — The report was adopted. Messrs. E. H. Lewis (convener), E. Alex. Young, F. Sharpe and W. Osborn were re-elected.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING.

In the period under review references to bells and bellringing have been of special interest in the provincial Press. The respective claims of youth and age in the belfry frequently attract the attention of journalists. Paragraphs in 'News of the World' have raised the question whether either Brafield or Westhoughton can boast of 'the youngest team of bellringers in Britain'! According to a statement appearing in the April number of 'Home Words,' this distinction may fall to the four ringers of Gaywood Church, Norfolk, aged 9, 11, 12, 13. A more cautious claim has been asserted in the 'Church Times' for Sam Quintrell, of St. Columb, aged 92, as 'Cornwall's oldest bellringer.' Matters of interest in connection with bells continue to figure prominently in the 'Church Times,' which one week published a letter from a Dorset Rector paying a glowing tribute to the good qualities of ringers and their valuable service to the church.

An article of exceptional interest appeared last year in 'The Guide,' giving a description of ringing at High Wycombe, in which a number of Girl Guides take part. One statement in a London newspaper credited a band with the feat of ringing 3,900 changes on Christmas Eve in half an hour, but in the main the general Press has shown a praiseworthy degree of accuracy in its treatment of the mysteries of the belfry. We are glad to note that the Irish Press has been especially enterprising in directing attention to the subject of bells and the activities of ringers.

With regard to broadcasting, during recent weeks an abnormal proportion of Sunday services have been broadcast without any sound of bells, but at an earlier date ringing was broadcast from a number of churches. Most of the striking was distinctly good, though call changes from one Devonshire village did not quite come up to the standard traditional in that county.

Of outstanding merit were the broadcasts from Bath Abbey, Twerton and Diss. The broadcast of bells on Christmas morning from different parts of the British Isles as well as from Bethlehem was thoroughly representative and satisfactory. On the other hand, it is to be regretted that the greatest festival of the Christian year was allowed to pass without a single ring of bells finding a place on the programme. Interesting matter has been introduced into some of the programmes with illustrations both of church bells and handbells. Notable among them was a visit to Taylor's Foundry, with a description of the making and ringing of bells, and the Loughborough Carillon was heard to full advantage.

It remains to record with deep regret the passing from our midst of one of the foremost contributors to the literature of the Exercise. By virtue of wide experience and indefatigable research the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope had amassed an unequalled store of information on the subject of bells and the history of ringing, besides bringing a high degree of ability to bear on problems of method construction. His book on Stedman is well known, and his 'History of the College Youths' will retain a lasting place of honour as a work of classical importance.

Moving the adoption of the report, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards regretted that when bells were

used in connection with broadcast services they were never mentioned in 'The Radio Times,' and, secondly, when bells were put on the air it was often done under a heading which had nothing to do with bells, so ringers had a legitimate grievance.

Another point was that there was no system in regard to the broadcast of bells for religious services. Bells should always be included in the programme of the great Christian festivals. They had an example on Whit Sunday of a broadcast from Bristol Cathedral which had no bells. It would have been better if the broadcast had been from a cathedral with good bells.

Mr. Paddon Smith seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. Hazelden: What I find most disturbing is the unnecessary talks while the bells are on.

The report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convener), Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker, re-elected.

PEAL BOARDS.

Mr. W. Wilson reported having received details of 277 old peal boards recording 308 performances of 1825 or earlier in 128 towers. Of these, details of 145 boards recording 160 performances have been typed.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. G. W. Steere said at the meeting at Exeter it was mentioned that there was an old Cumberland peal board in the ruins of All Hallows', Barking. He wrote to the Rev. 'Tubby' Clayton asking for permission to remove the board to a place of security. He replied that he could not possibly let it go, but granted permission to copy the board. Mr. Steere said he replied that their concern was over the preservation of the board. In the end he received a note stating that it was placed in some place of security where it would not be damaged by the weather.

The report was adopted, and Messrs. W. G. Wilson (convener) and Walter Ayre and the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg were re-elected.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

The report stated that an effort had been made to complete the records of members of the first Council, and they were still without particulars of the following members: F. W. Thornton, G. F. Attree, G. Walker, L. Newton, W. Baron, C. E. Malin, J. Holden, C. Hounslow and G. T. McLaughlin. Information would be welcome. The committee have secured the services of an expert photographer who is reproducing photographs loaned to the Council. Photos were still required of Ald. J. S. Pritchett, G. H. Phillott, F. E. Dawe, R. T. Woodley, G. Newson, J. Rogers and E. F. Strange.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Hazelden said he had one bit of bad luck. He had collected a number of photographs, including Mr. J. A. Trollope's. On the way to the photographer's he lost them; in spite of a reward being advertised he had been unable to obtain any information of them. If any member had a photograph of Mr. J. A. Trollope he would be pleased to have the loan of it.

The report was adopted, and Mr. A. C. Hazelden (convener) and Mr. W. Viggers were elected to the committee.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The accounts of 'The Ringing World' for the 15 months ending December 31st were presented by Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Receipts were: Rolls Publishing Company, £1,220 1s. 9d.; postal subscribers, £1,152 1s. 3d.; advertisements, £247 11s. 1d.; notices, £330 9s. 6d.; sale of 'College Youths,' £51 9s. After meeting expenses there was a net profit of £186 8s. 1d. With the balance brought forward from Sept. 30th, 1946, of £950 12s. 6d. this resulted in £1,137 0s. 7d. being carried forward.

Mr. Fletcher said that in spite of three increases in cost of production and paper they had managed to pay their way. From the final figure of £1,137 there were likely to be some reductions, as they had not settled their tax position. The audit of the accounts was very nearly completed and responsibility for the delay must rest with him. With regard to the audit, the Standing Committee recommended that a fee be paid to Mr. Turner of £5 5s. for each year, making a total of £21.

Mr. A. Walker seconded and the accounts were adopted, subject to audit.

Mr. Turner asked for his fees to be paid to the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund of the Middlesex County Association, as he had no wish to benefit financially from his services.

The President made a full statement regarding the acquisition of 'The Ringing World' and the dealing of the late Mr. Trollope. He said that the statement was presented to the Standing Committee the previous day, who resolved that a vote of confidence be passed to 'The Ringing World' Committee for the way in which it had acted in all matters connected with the journal.

Mr. Paddon Smith proposed and Mr. F. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report. 'The Ringing World' Committee was elected as follows: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. This motion was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the latter remarking, 'We all feel that the committee have done a very good job of work. The increased circulation of "The Ringing World" is due to their efforts.'

Mr. F. W. Perrens said he would like to make one suggestion for the committee to look into to see whether they could not do something towards getting the peals up to date. He wrote some months ago suggesting three columns of peals to the page. He thought the peals could be contracted. Instead of 2 hours 46 minutes 2.46 could be given. If the names were displayed as at present the number of the bells could be deleted.

Mr. Harold Poole: Are we losing time?

The President: We get behind on special occasions. We did not get any relief from peal ringing during Lent.

Mr. Poole: Could we help the Editor by asking that we hold up for a month?

Mr. F. Hairs suggested that the margins of white on the pages could be reduced.

Mr. Nolan Golden advocated doing away with the title block.

The President promised that all the suggestions would be considered.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

A ballot took place for the election of members of the Standing Committee and resulted as follows:—

Elected: Messrs. A. Walker 124, F. Perrins 122, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 122, Messrs. H. Poole 120, J. F. Smallwood 117, J. T. Dyke 116, G. E. Debenham 115, A. Paddon Smith 114, P. J. Johnson 113, F. I. Hairs 113, A. H. Pulling 101, J. W. Clarke 89. Not elected: Mr. C. F. Johnston 78.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded that in Rule 13 the words 'ringing papers' be deleted and 'The Ringing World' be inserted instead, as 'The Ringing World' is the official organ of the Central Council.—Agreed.

HANDBELL RINGING.

The following resolution was also in the name of Mr. Dukes: 'That the book on handbell ringing suggested at the 1939 Council meeting be completed and printed at the earliest opportunity.' He said he had had many requests from their ringers in Ireland for instruction in handbell ringing.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded.

Mr. Hooton said he understood that the book had been revised considerably during the past two years.

Mr. C. Woolley: That is quite right. I have been rewriting the book and preparing it for the press.

Mr. Hairs: There are several ways of ringing handbells. There is the old-fashioned way and there is 'the new look.' Are both included?

Mr. Woolley: The book will consist of a record of the old-fashioned way and another on the new way. There will be a lot about ringing by position, which I take it is what the speaker meant as the old-fashioned way.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

Mr. George E. Symonds proposed that the late Mr. John Carter's broadsheets of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques be reprinted and included in the list of publications on sale by the Central Council. He thought it would be a fitting memorial to such an illustrious ringer.—This was agreed to.

Arising therefrom, Mr. Harold Poole felt that something should be done in regard to Mr. Lindoff's London. All the manuscripts of Mr. Lindoff were in Dublin and he thought they should be available to the Council.

The Chairman moved that the Peals Collection Committee be asked to examine Mr. Lindoff's work in a similar form. Mr. Poole seconded and this was agreed to.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The Hon. Secretary reported that an invitation had been received to visit Cheltenham.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he believed he was right in saying that there was a definite rota of places—once in London every three years and then meetings alternately north and south of Birmingham. He asked the Council, provided the Yorkshire Association could make the arrangements, to hold the next meeting at York.—The Rev. C. O. Ellison supported the invitation.

Mr. J. W. Jones proposed and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded that the next Council meeting be held at York, subject to satisfactory arrangements.

Mr. F. W. Perrens asked the Standing Committee to reconsider holding meetings in London once every three years, as accommodation was now most difficult.

MEMORIAL FUNDS.

The Council agreed to a sum of three guineas being voted to the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund, and a similar amount to the J. W. Parker Memorial Fund.

DAYS OF MEETING.

Mr. Perrens said that at various times there had been conversations as to the best day to hold a meeting. He enquired whether Monday would not be a better day than Tuesday.

The Rev. Edwards: It would be impracticable for any of the clergy to attend.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and Warden of the Skinners' Company for giving the Council such wonderful accommodation. This was due to the advocacy of Mr. Hughes, who, besides being one of their honorary members, was a member of the Skinners' Company. He also thanked the Dean of St. Paul's and the incumbents of the various towers and the towerkeepers for having the bells in readiness. He also expressed his personal thanks to Mr. Fletcher for his help.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the president and Mr. Hughes for kindly arranging and providing tea during the meeting.

Mr. Lewis was thanked for presiding on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes.

QUARTER PEALS

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS. — On May 2nd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss C. Dunnington 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, K. Norman (first 'inside') 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. E. Crisp 5, D. Adams 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKS. — On May 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): W. Wright 1, A. Hancock 2, W. G. Turner 3, J. Greenwood 4, N. Bennett (first quarter) 5, J. Pearson (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL. — On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion L. Lidgey 1, G. W. Tavsom 2, Joan Withey 3, A. Carveth 4, E. V. Williams 5, E. W. Sanders 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. First of Stedman for 1, 4, 5 and 6.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

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

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Varied callings, seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN PERKINS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	2	STANLEY GILBERT	5
DEREK SANDERSON ...	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
First peal in method by all the band and on the bells, also by the Association.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 12, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN BEDFORD ...	*Treble*	†JOHN CLEMENTS	4
WILLIAM RANFORD ...	2	FREDERICK MERRICK ...	5
JOHN THOMAS	3	†THOMAS COOPER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. William Ranford.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS P. FERNANDO	...*Treble*	*NISSANKA FERNANDO ...	4
*PATRICK CROSS	2	*JOHN F. LLOYD	5
HENRY T. WILSON ...	3	HARRY TURNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the good wishes of the band to Mr. J. F. Lloyd and Mr. D. Mayell, who are both going abroad shortly.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., May 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor

ROGER LEIGH ...	*Treble*	DAVID MANN	4
RONALD H. LAWRANCE...	2	*HARRY F. CHURCHMAN	5
*MISS G. A. A. SMITH...	3	PETER BORDER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Apr. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT 35, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten different callings.

PETER BERESFORD	1-2	DENNIS BERESFORD	3-4
		*JEFFREY B. WEBB	5-6

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
Witness: MISS J. BERESFORD.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor. For the Royal Silver Wedding.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., May 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*MISS ANNIE BROWN ...	1-2	TOM HARRIS	5-6
*EDWIN J. BROWN	3-4	*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ...	7-8
		*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ...	9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.
* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	...1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
		A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	5-6

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., May 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT SUNNYVIEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	SIDNEY BROWN	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
The conductor has now called a peal of Major off each pair.

MORRISTON (SWANSEA), GLAM.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (three callings) and 30 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

LEONARD JONES (15) ...	1-2	ARTHUR HOARE	3-4
		JULIAN MORGAN (15) ...	5-6

Conducted by ARTHUR HOARE.
Witnesses: A. EDWARDS and L. PELZER.
First peal on handbells by all. First for the Guild.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HOBART E. SMITH	1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5-6
ERNEST W. PYE	3-4	WILLIAM J. R. BROWN ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., May 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
IN THE CHOIR VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

GEOFFREY DODDS	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ...	3-4	*MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
Witness: B. D. THRELFALL.
* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., May 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
IN THE CHOIR VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	1-2	†GEOFFREY DODDS	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on handbells. † First peal on a pair of working bells, 25th peal as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	JOHN FREEMAN	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7-8
		*DENNIS W. TOWNHILL...	9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method and first on ten bells.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., who died on May 24th after a painful illness.

Mr. Groombridge collapsed when nearing the end of a peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on Easter Monday and was taken into the Nottingham City Hospital a few days later where he was until his death.

The funeral was at Basford Cemetery on May 28th. Representatives attended from Leicester, Derby, Retford, Ilkeston, Radcliffe and the local churches. The service was taken by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, chairman of the Association, assisted by the Vicar of Basford. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by ringers from Daybrook and St. Peter's, Nottingham.

Among the floral tributes was one from the Southwell Diocesan Guild, of which he was general secretary, and it may be said founder, as he had done so much on its formation, also one from his brother ringers of St. Peter's.

Tom will be greatly missed, especially by those of Nottingham, who have improved so much under his leadership. F.A.S.

MR. W. C. FINNEY, SEN.

The Lancashire Association has lost an old and respected member by the death of Mr. W. C. Finney, sen., of Prescot Parish Church, at the age of 80. Except when absent for ill-health he maintained his service ringing until the end. He had several peals, chiefly Plain Bob, to his credit.

MR. F. MITCHELL.

Mr. Frederick Mitchell, verger for 41 years at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, one time member of the local band, died on May 6th and was laid to rest on Wednesday, May 12th. That evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Vandepeer 1, Mrs. T. Taylor 2, Joan Butcher 3, J. Bules 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, L. Stacey 6, G. J. Butcher 7, D. Stacey 8.

MR. C. W. TAYLOR.

A familiar figure at ringers' meetings in Hertfordshire and wider afield was Mr. C. W. Taylor, of Watford, whose death at the age of 63 is reported this week. He was invariably accompanied by his bag of handbells.

'Charlie' was not a ringer, but he loved ringers' company, and the sound of bells, particularly handbells, was very near to his heart. His other hobby was model engineering, and his knowledge on that subject was sound.

MR. GEORGE F. SWANN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George F. Swann at his home, 5, Heathlands Road, Sutton Coldfield, on May 23rd, after a short illness. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Nicolas', Boldmere, on May 26th, and the interment followed at Oscott New Cemetery, his ringing colleagues acting as bearers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by G. E. Fearn, W. A Barber, A. Walker and M. J. Morris.

Mr. Swann's readiness to further the art of ringing in all its phases and his modest demeanour endeared him to all who knew him. The Exercise is the poorer for his passing. He was 69 years of age and to his widow is extended the sympathy of a wide circle of friends. H.C.S.

A peal in his memory was rung at St. Barnabas', Erdington, on the same day.

MR. ALFRED PRIOR.

After an illness of seven weeks' duration, Mr. A. Prior, of Leytonstone, has died, aged 74.

With his father and two brothers he learnt to hold a bell at Takeley, Essex. As a young man he joined the Great Eastern Railway and was for many years foreman at Liverpool St.

Coming in contact with the late Mr. J. Moule, he was persuaded to join the Leytonstone tower in 1911 and soon made good progress in Surprise Minor ringing. A prominent member of the Essex Association, he served on the committee and was for 15 years Master of the S.W. Division. He was also a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The funeral service was held at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, on May 21st, and in addition to the family mourners there were 15 ringers present, Mr. Chalk, Master of S.W. Division, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master of L.C.A., and others from Woodford, Barking, Walthamstow, Leyton, Wanstead, Hornchurch and Mr. A. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, Devon.

After the funeral 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung by A. W. Brighton 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, G. Faulkner 3, R. Stannard 4, C. Willmington 5, F. V. Gant 6, J. H. Crampion 7, G. Dawson 8. G.D.

Mr. Alfred Prior's peals:—

Grandsire Doubles 1 (conducted 1); Bob Minor 3 (3); Surprise Minor 31 (5); Grandsire Triples 3 (2); Stedman Triples 9 (4).

Bob Major 2 (2); Treble Bob Major 4; Double Norwich C.B. 6; Cambridge Surprise Major 8; Superlative Surprise Major 2; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2 (1); London Surprise Major 3; Grandsire Caters 3 (2); Stedman Caters 7; Erin Caters 1; total 85 (conducted 20).

DEVONSHIRE GUILD

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT BIDEFORD.

The Guild's annual meeting at Bideford on Whit Monday attracted an attendance of about 250. The Rector (the Rev. J. A. Durling) in his address at the service said, 'The desperate need to-day in this world of wangling and wrangling is for 100 per cent. Christians and for evangelism. One valuable evangelistic weapon is the art you practise. Church bells do more to keep the ideals of Christianity before men than we can possibly estimate.' A guest at the luncheon was the Mayor.

At the business meeting the President (Preb. E. V. Cox) said that work during the year had been encouragingly progressive. Membership totalled 575, compared with 525 the previous year.

The report of the hon. treasurer (Mr. T. Laver, Heavitree) stated that the Bells Restoration Fund stood at £188.

Preb. E. V. Cox was re-elected president, Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton, hon. secretary, and Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mid-Devon, was elected treasurer. Tribute was paid to Mr. T. Laver, resigned through illness after eight years as treasurer. The work of Mr. Smale was also eulogised.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The picturesque city of Bangor was the venue this year for the annual meeting of the North Wales Association on Whit Monday.

The service at St. David's Church was conducted by the president and Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Wright), who gave the members a most cordial welcome.

At the business meeting which followed the president was elected to the chair and all the officers were re-elected with one exception, Mr. J. Dean, Rhuddlan, being appointed secretary of the Rhyl District. Mr. A. J. Hughes was elected Central Council representative for the next three years. The Rector of Portmadoc was added to the list of vice-presidents. The balance sheet showed a credit of £17 3s. 10½d.

The Association was invited to Buckley for its next annual meeting, and it was also decided to hold a half-yearly meeting at Bodelwyddan on the first Saturday in September.

A motion on the agenda to reorganise the Association into North and South Districts did not lead to much discussion, as it was the unanimous opinion that the Association retain the three districts as now divided, i.e., Bangor, Rhyl and Wrexham.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

BIRTH

DARVILL.—On Tuesday, May 25th, 1948, at Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans, to Kathleen, wife of Reginald Darvill, the gift of a daughter (Pauline Joy). 3591

DIAMOND WEDDING

BACON—WELLS. — On June 2nd, 1888, at St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, Helena Ella Wells to Edward Atherton Bacon. Present address, 49, Englands Lane, Loughton, Essex. 3599

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. H. J. Millatt is now c/o 121, Old Heath Road, Colchester, Essex. 3608

Mr. H. W. Perkins now resides at The Gardens, East Pennard, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. 3611

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Ringer marrying in August requires accommodation with own kitchen within daily travelling distance of Welwyn Garden City. Good references. All letters gratefully acknowledged.—Burgess, 7, Coneydale, Welwyn Garden City. 3531

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—Practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Stedman, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples, also Duffield, K.T.B. Major, etc. All welcome. Frequent bus service, Haywards Heath Station five minutes. 3466

CORNWALL.—Will all ringing brethren of the Craft coming to Cornwall during the summer kindly write to the undersigned? It is hoped to arrange for some peal ringing for the Craft in the county.—E. V. Williams, Copper Hill, Redruth. 3920

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Will members in future please send details of peals direct to the peal secretary instead of to the general secretary as required by the rule. The several conductors who have not sent details of compositions rung in 1947 are asked to do so without further delay. Attention is drawn to the requirements of Rule 18.—P. A. Corby, Peal Secretary, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23. 3588

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Brasted (6), June 5th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3520

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly, Cuckfield (8), June 5th, 3 p.m. Tea. 3555

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Trains from Chatham 1.54 p.m. and 3.54 p.m. Bus No. 489 from Gravesend 7 minutes past every hour.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3553

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Acton, Saturday, June 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. — E. E. Davis, Dis. Sec. 3539

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Beaminster on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Buses from Bridport every hour. —C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 3561

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3574

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyts on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 3579

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting, previously advertised at Newport Pagnell on June 5th, will now be held at Stony Stratford.—R. H. Howson. 3613

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, June 7th, a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3627

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Harwell, Saturday, June 12th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by Tuesday, June 8th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon. Berks. 3515

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Congregational Church Hall. Numbers for tea by June 8th to J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell. 3572

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Ottershaw, June 12th. Usual arrangements. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Notifications by 9th D. Sleet, Fuchsia, Brox Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3577

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Eckington, June 12th. Tea for a limited number who notify G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 8th. 3563

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, All Saints', Fulham, Saturday, June 12th, 4 p.m. Bells available from 5.20. Summer outing, July 10th, to Cuckfield and Lindfield. Particulars later. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3623

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tydd St. Mary, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea by June 5th to Mr. J. W. Ketteringham, Tydd St. Mary, Wisbech. 3564

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting, Carmarthen (8), June 12th. Bells 1.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4. Names by June 5th to C. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanelly. 3557

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Sedgley, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by June 7th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3580

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Cambridge District. — Bourn (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3589

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6), June 12th. Tea for those who notify Rev. C. H. Valentine, The Vicarage, West Hoathly, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 3592

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—East Ilsley (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by June 9th to Mr. C. Hibbert, East Ilsley, Newbury. 3593

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Pocklington, June 12th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Station Hotel, only to those who notify Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, near York.—Albert E. Sellers. 3586

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Wigan and Liverpool branches at Halsall (6), Saturday, June 12th, at 2.30. Tea at small charge. Names to A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk. 3594

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Holy Trinity Church, Langdale, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside, Westmorland. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3618

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Contest at Penistone, June 12th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than June 8th Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3620

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting, Scorton, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 9th, to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, near Preston.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 3621

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Bishopstone (8), June 12th. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 3595

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting St. Peter's, Walsden, on Saturday, June 12th. Bring own food, cups of tea provided in school. Subscriptions due, reports to hand.—I. Kay, Secretary. 3596

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting, Brockworth (6), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. Presentation to late branch secretary.—W. Sidwell. 3597

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Mary's R.C. Church, Saturday, June 12th, 2.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3598

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District. — Meeting, All Saints', Poplar (10), Saturday, June 12th. Ringing 3-4.30, 6.30-8. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements.—R. H. Begrie, District Sec. 3600

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District. — Meeting at Arley, near Coventry, Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 8th to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 3601

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3615

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Meeting, Seaford, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications by 9th to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Burgess Hill. 3616

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. —Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, June 12th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 1, Kensington Terrace South, Sunderland, by June 10th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 3602

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Sawley, June 12th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.30. Names to W. E. Simpson, Turnbury, Draycott Road, Sawley, by June 9th. 3605

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch. — Meeting, Reedham, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Burgess, Elm House, Reedham, by June 9th, very essential.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3560

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District—Meeting at Stansted (8) on Saturday, June 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by June 10th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 3626

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Lullington (6), June 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by June 8th to W. H. Curson, Grangewood, Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent. 3628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Be sure to send your name in to D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring, by Wednesday, 9th inst.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 3629

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service and tea to follow. Please notify for tea by June 8th N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 3614

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Warsop (6), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 2s. each for those notifying Mr. H. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, by 8th. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 3612

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Brockenhurst, June 12th. Bells from 2.30, Lyndhurst after tea. Names for tea by June 9th.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3610

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Annual meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, June 12th. St Mary-le-Tower 2.15-3 and 4-8.30; St. Margaret's after 6.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Tudor Cafe. Business meeting after. All cordially invited. Names for tea without fail by Wednesday, June 9th.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 3609

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Reepham, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the I.X.L. Restaurant. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 15th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 3603

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Dunstable, June 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, names for which must reach Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable, by June 15th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3604

N.E. ESSEX and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Stratford St. Mary, June 19th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 4.15. Names to Edward G. Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3606

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Folkestone (8), June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 16th to Mr. J. Willis, 7, Salisbury Villas, Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, June 19th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. with business to follow.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3585

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 19th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 3625

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Quarterly meeting, Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Tea only for those who notify me by 16th (caterers' request).—B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3619

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Purleigh (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3622

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — District meeting, Ropley, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2. Service 4. Tea in Village Hall followed by meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, June 14th. Members are asked to consider a possible candidate for secretary since present secretary has to resign due to forthcoming service in H.M. Forces. 3587

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day, Saturday, June 26th. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec. 3573

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion, Sunday, June 27th, Kilmersdon, 8 a.m. Please notify me if you intend to be there. Breakfast at the Joliffe Arms for those who send their names by June 23rd.—E. H. Nash, Mells, near Frome. 3590

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, July 3rd. Fuller particulars later. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3617

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CHESTER IN THE FOREFRONT

THE report of the Chester Diocesan Guild for 1947, presented at the annual festival at Frodsham on May 22nd, shows progress in many directions. The membership stands at 35 honorary and 700 ringing members. Youth is to the fore in the Guild's activities as exemplified by Alan Potts (15 years old) ringing a peal of London Surprise Major and calling his 51st peal, a peal of Bob Royal. It is encouraging to note that there were 12 new conductors, some of them ringers of many years standing.

The Guild rang the first peals of Double Mancroft Bob Major, Oswald Delight Major and Liverpool Surprise, and also records its first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung by a resident band. But peals are not the only evidence of vitality, for the branches report a resurgence of the spirit and interest which has characterised the Chester Guild in the past and which will keep it in the forefront of the Exercise always.

Evidence of this can be traced in the adoption of revised rules and the incorporation in them of a resolution which it is expected will encourage the clergy of the diocese to take an active interest in the affairs of the Guild. It has been felt for some time that the clergy have more urgent calls upon them in these days than to finance the ringers' pleasure, but, nevertheless, that they should have some official standing in the Guild. To overcome these difficulties, a resolution was moved and adopted appointing all incumbents of parishes where there are rings of bells honorary vice-presidents of the local branch without payment, and provision was made for the election of suitable laymen under similar conditions.

In common with other guilds, the Chester Guild is feeling the financial strain of these days, and with a view to making adequate provision for bell restoration and augmentations, the meeting decided to inaugurate a Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund, from which all future grants towards the cost of restoration and augmentation will be made. Ways and means of raising money for this fund were discussed and the imposition of a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope approved for a time with the proviso that members ringing their first peal be exempted from payment. Grants from the general fund towards the restorations at St. Hilary's, Wallasey and West Kirby were approved.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. J. D. Pearson) and other officers of the Guild were re-elected and thanked for their services during the past year. A report on the proceedings of the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. C. K. Lewis, and it was decided to send an invitation to that body to hold a meeting in Chester at their convenience.

The broadcast of the ringing at last year's festival was reported, and in addition there should have been a broadcast on the overseas service to America of Chester Cathedral bells on December 31st, but, unfortunately, the tenor clapper was broken on December 30th and the broadcast had to be abandoned. The next annual festival will be held at Crewe on Whit Saturday, 1949.

The excellent address given by Dr. Myres, the Vicar, at the service called for a special vote of thanks at the meeting. He could be sure that in spite of his remark that it was easier to ring the changes in the tower than to ring the changes on sermons, he had succeeded in securing a new approach to the question of the privileges and responsibilities of ringers. Those present would try to remember his advice, and to help them would be the memory of the warm welcome received at the ancient church of Frodsham. There were also thanks to the local ringers, organist and the incumbents and ringers of Runcorn and Daresbury for their efforts to make the meeting a success.

C. K. L.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM H. BARBER	*Treble*	*DAVID E. PARSONS	7
DANIEL D. COOPER	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	9
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	10
WALTER F. JUDGE	5	FREDK. E. COLLINS	11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.
* First twelve-bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM R. WHITE	*Treble*	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	7
CUTHBERT WHITE	3	FREDK. C. WHITE	8
*GEORGE BISHOP	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
FREDERICK MESSENGER	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK C. WHITE.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES J. GARDNER	*Treble*	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN	6
*MARGARET E. RICHARDS	2	†A. GEORGE WELLS	7
†WM. W. T. DANIELL	3	*WM. A. T. CARTER	8
†WALTER H. TRUEMAN	4	†THOMAS TOWNSEND	9
†E. JOHN BERRY	5	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal. First of Bob Royal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on being elected Master of the Association. Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

HARRY D. LISTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	*WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	7
*LESLIE M. FORSTER	3	*RONALD A. BUGG	8
ROBERT J. STEED	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	9
KEITH W. WHITTELL	5	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 24 cwt.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM DEAKIN	6
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	*ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	7
*RONALD KENRICK	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	8
*THOMAS HESKETH	4	*EDWIN BIRKETT	9
*THOMAS HORRIDGE	5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	5
JOHN BOOTH	2	*WILLIAM PILKINGTON	6
MISS M. E. RIDYARD	3	*JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
*MISS VERA DRAPER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Arnold and Miss Betty Sumner, ringers at Emmanuel, Southport. Also birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Pilkington. Tenor 10 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., May 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	LEONARD TUFFREY	6
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	3	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major. A golden wedding compliment to the parents of Leonard Tuffrey.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT	*Treble*	THOMAS G. MYERS	5
A. WILLIAM MYERS	2	FREDK. WREFORD	6
WILLIAM H. HOWE	3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN	7
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	4	*CHARLES YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.
* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*JOHN MORRIS	*Treble*	ARTHUR PATRICK	5
ALAN CATTELL	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
FRANK TROTMAN	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Major.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
ALBERT E. WHITING	2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	LESLIE G. WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 3). Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT	*Treble*	†JAMES A. MILNER	5
†ALAN A. POTTS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
†WILFRED STEVENSON	3	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	†JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN CHARNOCK	5
MISS RUTH BRADLEY	2	JOHN JACKSON	6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
JAMES BLACKBURN	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
A welcome to the Rev. A. Read.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

CECIL E. CARR	*Treble*	A. JOHN TIMSON	5
E. CHARLES TURNER	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
GEORGE A. NEWTON	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
RICHARD J. JACKSON	4	*HORACE GOOSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal. Rung for Mr. E. W. Tipler's daughter's wedding.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

*Arthur G. French	*Treble*	William J. Whitmore	5
Herbert Goakes	2	Ernest E. Whitmore	6
George W. Jeffs	3	*Albert J. Wilson	7
Harry Richardson	4	Ernest Warner	*Tenor*

Composed by Vicars. Conducted by Ernest E. Whitmore.
* First peal.

CUBITT TOWN, POPLAR, LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Mrs. C. J. Matthews	*Treble*	Miss Margaret Fidell	5
Miss Patricia Holmes	2	*Thomas H. Francis	6
Mrs. R. F. Deal	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Charles McGuiness	4	George H. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George H. Cross.
* First peal in the method Tenor 12½ cwt.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes*
At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Field,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Fredk. E. Dukes	*Treble*	Leonard H. Bowler	5
John E. Bibby	2	C. Henry Harding	6
James Bennett	3	C. Kenneth Lewis	7
Andrew C. Sinfield	4	†Walter Allman	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal. 100th peal as conductor.
The ringer of the third has now 'circled' the tower.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

Frank Soden	*Treble*	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	5
Bernard S. Nichols	2	Thomas W. Timms	6
Walter F. Judge	3	William J. Dixon	7
*Fredk. W. Soden	4	*John J. Westmacott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Soden,
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

ROYSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

John B. Rowsell	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
Edwin J. Lindley	2	T. Reginald Dennis	6
Jill Brittain	3	*Brian D. Threlfall	7
*Michael R. D. Harford	4	Geoffrey Dodds	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

D. Gallop	*Treble*	C. John Dickenson	5
*Miss K. Trist	2	Peter C. Wright	6
Miss M. L. Tutt	3	H. Peter Raynor	7
Miss Julia Preston	4	Peter W. B. Semmens	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by P. W. B. Semmens.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Edward F. Gobey	*Treble*	Edward C. Gobey	5
Fredk. A. Salter	2	J. Fredk. Milner	6
*Arthur R. Fowkes	3	Arthur J. Chamberlain	7
George E. Foster	4	Walter Nicholls	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Frederick Milner.
* First of Stedman, aged 15.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Arthur V. Pearson	*Treble*	*Cyril Taberner	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Alan F. Thirst	6
John Lloyd	3	Thomas Greenall	7
Howard Howell	4	Thomas Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

*Frank Townsend	*Treble*	Fredk. Vickers	5
Thomas E. Roberts	2	William Yates	6
George W. Holland	3	Frederick C. Case	7
Ernest C. Lambert	4	George W. Debenham	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Geo. W. Debenham.
* First peal on eight bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Alick Cutler	*Treble*	*Ernest H. Mastin	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Geoffrey J. Lewis	6
George M. Kilby	3	Jack Bray	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Frank V. Gant	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

William Slaughter	*Treble*	*Albert E. Laker	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George Olliver	6
Kenneth Snelling	3	William T. Beeson	7
James W. Knight	4	Oliver Sippetts	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since restoration.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 15 cwt.

Horace J. Bentley	*Treble*	Raymond C. Sayers	5
Allen Morgan	2	Ralph W. Sayers	6
Sidney T. Holt	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
George E. Large	4	Frederick G. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.
First peal in the method on the new ring.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Peggy G. Kitchen	*Treble*	Alfred H. Pulling	5
*Elizabeth Faulknall	2	Herbert G. Andrews	6
William T. Robinson	3	T. Mark White	7
William T. Beeson	4	Harold A. May	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Harold A. May.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Annunciation.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

*John H. Arlet (13)	*Treble*	Jack Dafters	5
Percy J. Spice	2	Frank C. W. Knight	6
*John L. Morris (12)	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Alfred G. Williams	4	*Richard Streek (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Triples. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ...	...*Treble*	*GEOFFREY Y. LEWIS ...	5
BETTY SPICE	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	6
GEORGE H. SPICE	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	4	GEORGE KENWARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	*Treble*	*E. DENNIS POOLE	5
MRS. E. D. POOLE ...	2	FREDK. G. BEDDOW ...	6
A. EDWARD REEVES ...	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
THOMAS PRICE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* 50th peal. A farewell peal to A. E. Reeves, who is leaving Shrewsbury for Manchester. Tenor 16 cwt.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

HILDRED S. WICKENS ...	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	6
PERCY PAGE	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
WILFRED W. RING	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

SIDNEY BRIGGS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE DOWLING ...	5
MRS. J. COTTERELL ...	2	JOHN HOBSON	6
HENRY RODMELL	3	LEONARD RODMELL ...	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	*FRED OSGERBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the augmented ring.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
JOHN E. BIBBY ...	2	JACK BRAY	6
FREDK. A. FINCH	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	4	WALTER ALLMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
F. A. Finch has now 'circled' the tower.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES CLEGG ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HESKETH	5
*JACK CLEGG	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	3	EDWIN BIRKETT	7
WILLIAM DEAKIN	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Surprise.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

FRANK HOWE ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*MISS K. FLETCHER ...	2	ALFRED C. LEVITT ...	6
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
MAURICE THOMAS ...	4	HENRY STALHAM ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* 150th peal. This composition, rung for the first time, contains the full combination of 4.5.6 without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place in the minimum number of changes. Tenor 18 cwt.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*EUSTACE SMITH ...	...*Treble*	†DAVID R. REED	5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	2	†COLIN W. REED	6
†ALAN J. BUTLER	3	‡JACK MUSSELL	7
RONALD MARLOW	4	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major. ‡ First of Major 'inside.'

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK E. DUKES	...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
C. HENRY HARDING ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all, except the conductor.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., May 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HALL	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. BEECROFT ...	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	2	HARRY HALL	6
FRANCIS W. CORNEY ...	3	WALTER W. MILLER ...	7
FRANK L. FISHER	4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HERBERT LUDKIN ...	...*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
FREDK. E. DUKES	2	ALAN J. BROWN ...	6
MRS. C. K. LEWIS ...	3	*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK...	7
DAVID VINCENT	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F

SIX BELL PEALS

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise.

DEREK G. LATCHFORD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ...	4
EDWIN J. UPTON	2	HERBERT GATES	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ...	3	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
In memoriam Capt. Walter Keith Runham, churchwarden, ringer and a great friend to the local company. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thirty-six six-scores (ten different callings) and three Morris' 240's.

*†JOHN L. HARRIS (12)	...*Treble*	DAVID BEVERIDGE (16)	4
†JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ...	2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	5
‡JOHN H. ARLET (13) ...	3	*RICHARD STREEK (17)	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.
* First peal. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles as conductor. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK CHERRIT	*Treble*	PHILIP BLAKE	4
BERTRAM TUBB	2	*BERNARD WILLIS	5
LEONARD TUBB	3	FREDK. A. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.
* First peal in three methods.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Allendale, Westminster, Netherseal, Annable's London, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE CHERRY ...	*Treble*	LEONARD FIDLER	4
EDGAR W. WINTERS ...	2	WILLIAM J. CROFT	5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS ...	3	FRANK W. CROFT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Cherry.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

EDWARD BARKER ...	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	4
CLAUDE COUSINS	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	3	NORMAN V. HARDING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

*A. LESLIE MARDLIN ...	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
FRANK WARRINGTON ...	2	*STANLEY GILBERT ...	5
PETER BORDER	3	HERBERT FIELDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in four methods.

(More peals on page 245.)

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. BOWLER ...	*Treble*	PETER BERESFORD ...	4
MISS JOAN BERESFORD...	2	†JEFFREY B. WEBB ...	5
DENNIS BERESFORD ...	3	WALTER J. COPE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Dennis and Peter Beresford.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being (1) Double Court; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Bob Minor; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*KEITH HUDSTON ...	*Treble*	*FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	4
*ALFRED MOULD	2	DENNIS CARLISLE ...	5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	3	*JACK BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*H. A. TREADGOLD ...	*Treble*	†PETER C. WRIGHT ...	4
NORA HONEY	2	ALAN R. PINK	5
†DOUGLAS O. WILKS ...	3	WILLIAM G. CUDD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in 14 methods on the bells. The 100th peal which the conductor has called for the Guild.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A ringing society has been formed at Catterick Camp. At the first meeting a few days ago eleven ringers attended and Sgt. Worrell was appointed secretary. Practice and service ringing is held at Richmond and Darlington. Members have already rung their first peal.

Willesden Surprise Major, published on page 212, appears in the Central Council Collection (No. 77) as Wycliffe, writes Mr. A. J. Corrigan.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, Croydon, on May 5th, was a compliment to Canon I. Renshaw, on the first anniversary of his induction as Vicar.

Coincidence: Mr. Walter Allman rang his 100th peal and Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis called his 100th together at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on May 15th. Mr. James Bennett has 'circled' this tower.

The peal at Ashford, Kent, on Whit Monday was in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor and Mrs. Cullingworth and a grandson to Mr. H. S. Wickens, who was ringing the treble. It was the first Surprise peal on the bells by a local band.

Mrs. Dorothy Burgess, a daughter of the late Mr. Arthur Craven, has recently emigrated to Australia with her husband and son. Her new home is at Collie Burn, Collie, Western Australia, about 100 miles up country. Wishes of Godspeed to her were conveyed by a peal recently rung at Bigby, Lincolnshire.

West Kirby, Cheshire, ringers have launched an appeal for £350 for the rehanging and reconditioning of their bells. So far they have raised £250 locally and they invite others who would like to be associated with their efforts for the preservation of the bells in this lovely 15th century tower to send their contributions to Mr. J. Andrew, The White House, Sandy Lane, Kirby, Cheshire.

Abergavenny, Mon, hopes shortly to have the finest ring of ten in the West Country. The bells are being recast and rehung in a steel frame and augmented from eight to ten by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. with a tenor 24 cwt. in D. This will cost £2,300. Another £1,500 is being spent on reconditioning the tower, which is to have a roof of reinforced concrete.

To commemorate his 74th birthday, Mr. W. F. Webb called a quarter of Grandsire at Blagdon, Somerset.

In honour of the gift of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. I. Harris, 1,260 Grandsire Triples were rung at Great Tew, Oxon.

A daughter has also been presented to Mrs. M. A. Genna, wife of one of the Pinner, Middlesex, ringers, and the event was commemorated by 1,260 Grandsire Triples on May 6th, conducted by T. Collins.

Mr. A. E. Lock has a promising young band at Abingdon, Berks, who rang its first 720 for the Royal Silver Wedding. We hope to publish a first quarter shortly.

Veteran Tamworth (Staffs) ringer is Mr. Silas Dunkley, who rang the tenor to a quarter of Grandsire Triples in honour of his 80th birthday.

Pressure on our space has resulted in a number of reports of meetings, letters and quarter-peals being consigned to the W.P.B. Selectivity for publication is not easy. Will those disappointed please accept the Editor's regrets.

A Worcester band en route for the opening of the new eight at Alcester, Warwickshire, called at Salford Priors in the morning and rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples on the new eight there. It was interesting to compare the two rings, the products of two different bell-founders. Ringing at Alcester after the opening had to be rationed, a feature being the queueing of whole teams, and some good-humoured jockeying for positions!

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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The Leicester Diocesan Guild annual meeting, held at Leicester on May 8th, was attended by members from all districts. A well-attended service was held at St. John's, the lessons being read by the president, Lay Canon H. W. Poole. The Ven. C. L. Matthews, Archdeacon of Leicester, preached.

About 140 were present at the tea and meeting in St. George Hall.

Supporting the president at the meeting were the Archdeacons of Leicester and Loughborough; the Rev. Dutton, of St. John's; Mr. W. Bullock, churchwarden, St. John's; Mr. H. W. Perkins, hon. general secretary; Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer; and Mr. W. A. Wood.

The President extended a hearty welcome to both Archdeacons. He spoke of the great interest the clergy of the diocese took in the Guild and announced that the Bishop, who was unable to attend, had sent his best wishes for the continuing success of the Guild. Unfortunately, due to the necessary alteration of the date of the meeting, both St. John's and St. Margaret's ringers were on their outings and so unable to be present. For this reason, Mr. E. Morris, vice-president and peal secretary, was absent.

In his reply, the Ven. W. J. Lyon said he was grateful to the Guild for their help to the Church in ringing the bells for services. He was glad at any time to foster the work of the Guild.

INSIGNIA FOR PRESIDENT.

The recommendation of the General Committee that a fund be formed for the purchase of a suitable insignia of office for the president to wear at meetings was taken a stage further when Mr. E. C. Turner proposed that the fund be opened. Mr. Turner said a suitable insignia would be in keeping with the dignity of the office of president of one of the most important guilds in the country. The proposal was carried without dissent.

The general secretary's report followed. Seventy-six new members and 15 life members had been elected during the year. The total ringing membership was now 823 and he hoped that before long the figures would rise to the 1,000 mark and that there would be members in all churches in the diocese. There were members in 94 towers, an increase of three.

The hon. treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of over £158. A grant of £5 5s. from the Bell Repair Fund had been made to Somerby, while the usual collection had, at Kibworth, been given back towards the local tower repair fund.—The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Ballard.

OUTSTANDING PEALS.

The peal secretary's report stated that 81 tower-bell and 42 handbell peals had been rung. Outstanding among these were the handbell peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. This had never before been accomplished. Pudsey Surprise had been rung on 8, 10 and 12 tower bells. Miss Jill Poole, Mr. G. A. Newton and Mr. J. A. Fenton had reached 100 peals, Mr A. Ballard had reached his 250th peal and Mr. E. Morris had completed 1,000 peals. One peal had been rung by a German prisoner of war, the first to do so, and 26 members had scored their first peal, while 98 scored their first in a new method. Handbell ringers had on 42 occasions scored their first in new methods.

Burbage on July 3rd was selected for the next quarterly meeting. The general officers were re-elected, with Mr. W. A. Wood as general secretary in the place of Mr. H. W. Perkins, who has left the diocese. The President expressed the best wishes of the Guild for the future of Mr. Perkins. A great deal of very hard work had to be done when the Guild was formed, and Mr. Perkins had done great work at that time and since in the interest of the Guild.

Mr. Perkins said he was very proud of the Guild; his ambition had been to make it one of the best in the country. Since its formation, over 200 new members had joined and he hoped to see the Guild in an even better position.

The elections of 33 ringing and four life members were confirmed. A proposal to transfer Whetstone and Enderby from Hinckley District to Leicester resulted in Whetstone being transferred, while Enderby remains in the Hinckley District.

SUBSCRIPTIONS INCREASED.

The General Committee's recommendation that the subscriptions of adult members be increased from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. was carried.

The committee's recommendation hat no peal booking fee by charged was also carried. The increased subscriptions will start in 1949.

A report was to be printed to cover the period since the formation of the Guild, and the report would be free to members. Life members and ordinary members desiring more than one copy would be able to obtain them on paying a suitable charge.

A new rule was passed that any member of the Guild failing to comply with the rules or acting in a manner likely to bring discredit on the Guild should be asked to appear before the General Committee, who would be empowered, failing a satisfactory explanation, to ask such member to resign. If the member failed to appear, the decision of the committee would be communicated to him and his name would be erased from the membership roll. This rule was intended to uphold the dignity of the Guild, who desired the full support of the clergy and was to see that nothing was done to bring discredit on the Guild. The rule would also operate to protect members.

The General Committee is to arrange a dinner and a dance, on separate nights, on convenient dates in October.

The meeting was followed by a 'Local Talent Spotting' entertainment, at which members gave comedy, singing and handbell turns. 'Positional' single handbell ringing provided much fun.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and artiste was well earned. And so another 'Leicester Annual' was over for another year.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held on April 27th in the New Room, Magdalen, the chair being taken by the president.

The Master, in his report, mentioned the good progress of the beginners, the achievement during the Hilary Term of a peal of Bob Major, and quarter-peals of Stedman Triples and Bob Minor. He also referred to the Society's annual tour at Bedford, which has already been reported in 'The Ringing World.' Peals of Bob Royal and Cambridge Major were scored in the tower and Bob Royal 'in hand.' The Cambridge peal was the first for the Society in the method.

The next item on the agenda was the election of officers. The president, vice-presidents and the Master were all re-elected unanimously. The offices of joint secretaries were filled by the election of Miss J. Brierley (St. Anne's) and Peter W. B. Semmens (Exeter). G. R. Kerr (St. Ed. Hall) was elected as the new treasurer, and M. F. Barrow (Exeter) as steeplekeeper for the second year running.

W. F. Moreton's suggestion of the election of a general secretary was then discussed at considerable length. The purpose of the office is to keep past members in touch with the Society, and to keep the Society in existence should no active members remain in the University. It was eventually decided that the office should be held for periods of three years, the election taking place at the annual luncheon. W. F. Moreton was asked to undertake the office until the 1949 luncheon.

Mr. D. Gallop gave some information about the proposed farming-cum-ringing camp the Society was hoping to attend at Honeybourne during the fortnight Aug. 21st-Sept. 4th.

Sussex County Association

BIG ADVANCE IN PEAL RINGING.

The annual meeting was held in Brighton on May 8th, being preceded by service at St. Nicholas' with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. L. N. Phillips, M.C., M.A. Guests at tea were the Vicar of Brighton, Canon Robotham, the Vicar of St. Nicholas' and the organist, who played for the service.

At the business meeting the president and vice-presidents were re-elected, and officers for the year elected as follows: Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; delegates to the Central Council, Messrs. O. Sippetts, F. I. Hairs, F. H. Dallaway and R. G. Blackman.

Messrs. F. H. Dallaway and H. R. Butcher were re-elected as trustees, but difficulty was found in naming a successor to the chief trustee, Mr. F. B. Tompkins, who had died during the year. Eventually the matter was left to the committee, with the recommendation that Mr. Cuthbert Tompkins should be approached in the first instance. Since the meeting Mr. Tompkins has expressed his willingness to serve, and the committee will be asked to confirm his appointment. On the resignation of Mr. G. Cecil as joint auditor, Mr. A. Bond was elected in his place, together with Mr. R. Overy.

The Master's report and balance sheet were accepted, the treasurer reporting an increased balance of £7 1s. 6d. on the year's working. It was resolved to incorporate in the Master's report a tribute to Mr. K. Hart.

The peal secretary's report showed a great advance in peal ringing, the total being 102 for the year, with some 30 conductors. This is closely approaching the record total set up in 1913, and is the first time since that date that more than 100 peals have been rung in a year.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. L. C. Lawson, F. V. Tonge, F. G. White, J. Perrow and Miss Mary Brown.

The treasurer announced that divisional levies due to the Central Fund would amount to £15 12s. from the Northern Division, £12 7s. Southern, £11 18s. Eastern, £14 12s. Western.

A motion proposed by the treasurer for raising the unaffiliated members' fee from 2s. to 3s. was carried; the proposal to limit the Central Council delegates' expense accounts to £3 each was defeated; the transfer of the Benevolent Fund into the General Account was carried.

Mr. G. T. Jennings' proposal to set up a belfry repair fund was carried enthusiastically after a discussion of its objects and limitations.

Mr. C. Levett asked whether the rules, recently amended, could now be printed, and the hon. treasurer made a generous offer of typing and duplicating the rules so that they might be circulated for the opinions of members before final printing.

Members and friends totalled 135, and after tea a collection for the repairs to Southover, Lewes, bells, amounted to £3 10s.

400 PEALS ON 12 BELLS

Mr. Albert Walker has created a new record by ringing 400 peals on 12 bells. The next highest is believed to be the late Mr. W. Pye, who rang 263 (conducted 184) twelve-bell peals.

Mr. Walker's first twelve-bell peal was rung on January 31st, 1899, and his 400th on May 11th. These were rung in 38 towers with 175 at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He conducted 166 and rang five non-conducted (Stedman Cinques, 1 tower, 3 hand; Cambridge Maximus 1). Details are:—

Tower bells: Cinques, Stedman 238 (conducted 108), Grandsire 3, Erin 1; Maximus, Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 5 (3), Little Bob 1, Forward 2, New Cambridge Surprise 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 23 (6), Yorkshire Surprise 1, Belgrave Surprise 1. Total 277 (118).

Handbells: Cinques, Stedman 118 (46), Grandsire 1, Erin 1; Maximus, Kent Treble Bob 3 (2).

OBITUARY

MR. T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Groombridge was an excellent ringer and conductor, who numbered among many admirable performances the conducting of peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, while he called from a non-observation bell his own first peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. He also had the honour of taking part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Of his 400 odd peals, 101 were at St. Paulinus', Crayford, and it is for his labours at this tower that he perhaps best deserves to be remembered. He succeeded Mr. E. Barnett, sen., as conductor in 1932, and for the next seven years devoted much of his time in helping to build up a competent local band. His efforts were rewarded by 'local' peals of Cambridge on tower bells and Bob Maximus on handbells in March, 1937. Opinions may differ over his methods with complete beginners, but the help and encouragement he afforded those who mastered the early difficulties will not be forgotten by the people concerned.

During the recent war Mr. Groombridge moved first to Willesden and then to Nottingham, where he became the first secretary of the newly-formed Southwell Diocesan Guild. He kept in touch with his friends at Crayford, to whom he related his many activities in the interests of the new Guild, and would send occasional notes of congratulation or criticism of the happenings in North Kent.

He leaves a wife, son and daughter, for whom much sympathy will be felt, as also for his father, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who is now in his 81st year. News of 'Young Tom's' death was received a few hours before a peal at Crayford on May 29th, and the band, most of whom were old friends of his, would like it to be regarded as an 'in memoriam' peal.

E.A.B.

MR. HERBERT LUDKIN.

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. Herbert Ludkin, of Didsbury, Cheshire. He had participated in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral on May 22nd, and after bidding good night to Mr. R. Benson and Mr. D. Vincent in Market Street, Manchester, he walked only 200 yards when he collapsed and died.

MR. GEORGE F. SWANN

AN APPRECIATION.

The passing of one of Birmingham's well-known ringers and conductors in George Frederick Swann, who died on May 23rd after a few days' illness, will come as a great shock to his many friends all over the country.

Mr. Swann commenced ringing in 1901 and had a total of 611 peals rung on 6 to 14 bells. An excellent ringer and expert conductor on tower and handbells, he was very safe and reliable in all he did. As librarian to St. Martin's Guild he kept valuable records of all peals rung from 1755 until his death. He was a man with a charming personality and one whom it was always a delight to meet. To his widow, to whom he had been happily married for 38 years, many messages of deep sympathy have been received from all parts of the country.

It will be of interest to note his last peal was a non-conducted tower-bell peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's as recently as May 11th, to which he rang the 4th bell. Among his list of peals were 198 on twelve bells, 120 being on handbells, and included three non-conducted Stedman Cinques 'in hand,' also one non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's. He also rang 7-8 to the peal of Stedman Sextuples and had called peals in many Plain and Surprise methods from Doubles to Maximus. A.W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CANTERBURY TENOR

Sir,—Most of Mr. Bond's letter is concerned with what he 'understands' —common impressions that have little or no basis in fact.

Now the note of Canterbury Cathedral tenor is C without any doubt, for it is half a tone lower than that of Great Dunstan, the hour bell, the note of which is given as C sharp in the standard work on clock chimes (I did not believe this until I tested it for myself); also it is 57 inches across the mouth.

Using these two facts and referring to the table given in Nichols' 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' we find the bell in question is around 34 or 36 cwt.

The suggestion that conductors should check the tenor weight is, we hope, not to be taken too literally. In the case of Canterbury Cathedral there is an old list of the then peal of ten in the ringing room, giving the tenor as '33 cwt. approx.'

Whatever the accurate weight of the bell there is no doubt that she requires quite a lot of handling!—Yours truly,

PETER J. H. SMALL.

Wandsworth Training College, S.W.18.

Dear Sir,—As I am the chap responsible for increasing the weight of Canterbury Cathedral tenor, I gather that some explanation is required. For years the weight of the tenor has been given as 30 cwt. Why, I don't know, because in the belfry window there hangs a framed list giving the weights of the back 10 bells. Of these two are actual, the remainder, including the tenor (34 cwt.), are approx. As All Saints', Maidstone, is given as 31 cwt. (approx.), may we claim to have the heaviest bell in Kent?—Yours faithfully,

Canterbury. B. J. LUCK.

Dear Sir,—The weight of Canterbury Cathedral tenor is given in Mears and Stainbank's list (1922) as 34 cwt. It was cast (or recast) by them in 1778.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

ALDERTON TENOR

Sir,—I have no idea where the late Rev. E. S. Powell obtained his information regarding the tenor here, but I am afraid all his figures are wrong. The diameter is 36½in., not 44in., and I understand the weight, 7 cwt. odd (not 15 cwt.), was given by John Taylor and Co. when they rehung the bells in 1935. I think most ringers who have rung the bell would agree with this figure.

The bells have not been out of the tower since the rehanging in 1935.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. NORTON.

Alderton.

OBITUARY

MR. EPHRAIM W. RANDS.

The death of Mr. E. W. Rands occurred on March 25th at the Old School House, Cogenhoe, Northampton, after a long and painful illness, which he endured with courage and patience. He was born at Polebrooke, near Oundle, in 1881, his father being clerk at the Parish Church; here he learned to ring.

As a young man he went to Hugglescote and was attached to the Parish Church for many years. After removing to Leicester he joined the band at St. John-the-Divine. His peal ringing was chiefly with members of the Midland Counties Association. He later lived at Oundle and finally went to Cogenhoe in 1943.

The funeral service at St. Peter's Church on March 31st was conducted by the Rev. L. E. Brown, Rector of Castle Ashby. Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild acted as bearers. He is survived by the widow and two sons who are ringers, Mr. B. Rands, of Fareham, Hants, and Mr. A. Rands, of Crick. A half-muffled peal of Minor by members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild came to an end after 1¼ hours. J.R.S.

NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—May I comment on two points in your issue of May 14th?

On the front page it is stated, inter alia, 'So far, except for the long dead St. Stephen's, we have kept saints' names out of the nomenclature.' On page 199, Mr. Levett observes that 'Extremes' are irregular with Grandsire.

I quite agree with Mr. Levett, but in its purest form the Extreme is not used with Grandsire, but with a method known as St. Dunstan. The difference between the two may briefly be described thus. In its simplest form Grandsire Doubles is a method in which 120's are obtained by the judicious use of Bobs, Singles and Plain Leads. St. Dunstan Doubles is a method in which 120's are obtained by the judicious use of Bobs, Singles and Extremes, but *no* plain leads.

Of course, the two methods can be mixed up or, if you prefer it that way, extremes can be used with Grandsire. For ordinary Sunday ringing at towers that only ring Grandsire—and there are many such—I strongly recommend it. To plod on, Sunday after Sunday, with the stereotyped Grandsire 120's can become very monotonous. But let the conductor use Bobs, Singles, Extremes and Plain Leads as the spirit moves him and it is wonderful how Grandsire is brightened up and how much more the band have to keep on the alert. When it is time to lower the bells for service it is a simple matter to call the bells into rounds, especially if the conductor rings the second himself.

However, the points I wish to make are (a) there is a method with a saint's name—St. Dunstan — although it may only eke out a precarious existence in the backwaters of country parishes, and (b) the 'Extreme' is a regular call when used with St. Dunstan.

Just as there are 10 generally accepted callings in Grandsire, so also there are 32 generally accepted callings in St. Dunstan. Rightly or wrongly, from the angle of the Central Council, there have been peals called and they are recorded in village towers as having consisted of 'ten callings of Grandsire and thirty-two callings of St. Dunstan, each called differently.'

—Yours faithfully, T. V. LISTER.

Apperley, Glos.

WILLESDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to congratulate Mr. Roberts and his band upon ringing this method for the first time. From information published the peal was composed and conducted by Mr. Roberts, and the figures of the method by Mr. A. J. Pitman. So far so good, but does Mr. Roberts realise that the method rung as 'Willesden' was published as 'Wycliffe,' and under my name, just over twenty years ago?

—Yours truly, E. W. TIPLER.

47, Baker Street, Lutterworth.

BOBS IN TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—Since the question of using 4ths place bobs in 8ths place methods has recently appeared in 'The Ringing World'—and it seems that sometimes this is advantageous—I wonder if anyone could inform me why a 4ths place bob is used in Treble Bob, particularly in Kent?

Surely the proper bob would be a 6ths place one and this would avoid the four blows in 4ths place. I can see no reason why 6ths place bob should not be employed. Can anyone tell me? FREDK. J. JACKSON.

Bawtry, Yorks.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Brake 1, Miss F. Poole 2, W. H. Poole 3, H. Hurst 4, T. E. Marks 5, H. Gaylard 6, A. C. Jeanes 7, W. E. Turner 8, T. J. Setter (first as cond.) 9, F. Smith 10. First of Grandsire Caters by 1, 2 and 6. Seventieth birthday compliment to F. Smith.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS MURIEL WILLETT	*Treble*	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	4
EDWARD MAUND	2	CHARLES J. CAMM	5
HAROLD WILLETT	3	HENRY BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal.

MONTFORD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS BESSIE CARTER	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	4
A. EDWARD REEVES	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
WILLIAM A. FARMER	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
For the wedding of Mr. J. F. Butler and Miss G. Davies.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Treble*	RICHARD HIND	4
†REGINALD TOMLINSON	2	WILLIAM DICKINSON	5
DONALD CHADWICK	3	FREDERICK FLINT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK FLINT.
* 50th peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the bells and by all the band.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 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	*Treble*	*CYRIL WANDER	4
MISS MARY SMITH	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
DENIS FRITH	3	*BERNARD H. DALTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of London Scholars' Pleasure. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK FLINT	4
WALTER ALLWOOD	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
DONALD CHADWICK	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Single Court, three extents of Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS IVY M. JORDAN	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4
A. RAYMOND TONKS	2	RICHARD E. MANTON	5
*MISS B. M. JACKSON	3	WILLIAM T. GOADBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
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 11 cwt 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*JOHN AVENELL	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	4
GEORGE L. GROVER	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
†FREDERICK CHERRYMAN	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 175th tower for a peal.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*FRANK C. ARNOLD	*Treble*	FREDK. W. MIDDLETON	4
C. FRANK PHILLIPPO	2	ARTHUR J. SMALLS	5
HARRY J. HALL	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR J. SMALLS.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT 115, WEST STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor size 20 in F.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING	5-6
*CHARLES W. DENYER	3-4	WILLIAM H. VIGGARS	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. W. H. VIGGARS.
* First peal of Grandsire 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
		W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal on ten handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., May 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT 37, WARKWORTH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

BRIAN D. THRELFALL	1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
First peal of Major and 'in hand' as conductor. Longest length of Major by all the band.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4
		*ALBERT H. WARD	5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BARNEHURST, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sun., May 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT 9, BEVERLEY ROAD.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS	5-6
ALFRED WILLIAMS	3-4	MISS MARGARET FIDELL	7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

MAURICE J. THURMOT	1-2	JILL BRITTAIN	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	JOHN A. ACRES	7-8

Adapted from E. MAURICE ATKINS.
Conducting shared by 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Ford 1, R. C. Trevett 2, W. H. Toms 3, W. G. Trevett 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, J. H. Hayne 6. In memoriam Mr. G. R. Runyard, late captain of Bradford Peverell ringers.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Pamela A. Martin 1, P. A. Nash (first quarter) 2, Olive M. Martin 3, L. G. Baines (first 'inside') 4, T. G. Morton 5, D. E. Latchford (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Empire Youth Sunday by six of the district juniors.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Jean Whelan (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Peplar 2, E. Peplar 3, E. Sherwood 4, F. Ellis 5, T. Denyer (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—On May 11th, at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: A. M. Tyler 1, F. G. Leaker 2, A. E. Reeves 3, S. G. Riches 4, A. J. Corrigan 5, D. G. Clift (first of Cinques as cond.) 6, P. L. Pearce 7, N. H. Coombs 8, W. H. Parker 9, R. C. Seager 10, E. F. Hancock 11, L. Derrick 12. First of Stedman Cinques 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.

BURFORD, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: B. J. Forest 1, F. Soden 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden (first in method as cond.) 4, T. J. H. Prince 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. T. W. Timms conducted his first in the method on May 2nd.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON. — On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, H. Belcher 2, R. W. Green 3, W. H. Hewett 4, D. Satow 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, C. Mead 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Corpl. R. J. Wallis 1, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, V. R. Williams 4, J. Hope 5, H. L. Cooke 6, F. J. Lewis, jun. 7, R. R. Wallis 8. For the coming-of-age of Earl Bathurst.

COSELEY, STAFFS. — On May 9th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, A. Cope 2, F. Holden 3, D. Whatmore 4, C. R. Godfrey 5, J. D. Holden (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Apps 1, Miss F. M. Howell (first 'inside') 2, J. Lilley 3, J. Jeffery 4, T. Mitchell 5, R. Overy (cond.) 6, H. Lilley 7, E. J. Brett 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss D. Fleetwood 1, S. Kelly 2, D. G. Blows 3, C. Wright 4, F. J. Gant (cond.) 5, J. Armstrong 6, A. C. Chaplin 7, F. Freestone 8. First in method 1 and 2.

EALING.—At St. Mary's on May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Lidbetter (cond.) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. P. Kent 3, P. E. Clark 4, T. Davis (first in method) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. Harding 7, A. H. Fulwell 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 3rd, 2,520 Surprise Minor (360 each of Allendale, Westminster, Netherseale, Annable's London, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge): G. Cherry 1, E. W. Winters 2, A. E. Symonds 3, L. Fidler 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. First half-peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods by all the band.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. V. Chilcott 1, Miss P. Denton 2, D. J. Thomas 3, P. Betteridge 4, N. Thomas 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, K. Gristwood 8. Ringers' ages 13 to 18.

HUNTINGDON. — On May 9th, at St. Mary's, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. E. Spicer (first quarter-peal) 1, H. S. Peacock 2, D. Sanderson (R.A.F.) 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Anderton 1, A. L. Pearson 2, G. F. Haysom 3, J. Sutton 4, F. W. Bishop 5, W. A. Theobald 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. First quarter on the bells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, J. Morris 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, S. H. Green 4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris 7, J. Grant 8.

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LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Martin 1, F. Pratt 2, T. Boreham 3, D. Newcombe 4, E. Savage 5, C. Richings 6, J. F. Ballinger (cond.) 7, H. Foll 8. First quarter by 4, 5 and 8.

LEICESTER.—On Whit Sunday at St. Margaret's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Draycott 1, Dorothy Clark (Mablethorpe) 2, J. Bramley 3, W. Tanser 4, E. R. Whitehead 5, E. Morris 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, C. Walker 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wm. E. Simpson 1, Wm. H. T. King 2, R. A. Hickton 3, A. L. Garner 4, Geo. Rigby 5, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 6, C. Geary 7, A. Blatherwick 8. First quarter 5 and 8.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sunday, May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. T. Hendley 1, J. I. Davis 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, W. H. Houlton 4, A. G. Rose 5, R. H. True 6, H. G. Baverstock (cond.) 7, E. Roper (first quarter) 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pinfold 1, K. Haslam 2, Ed. Large 3, H. J. Turner 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, N. J. Goodman 6, H. W. Haslam (first as cond.) 7, F. H. Walters 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS. — On May 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Applegate (first quarter) 1, G. H. Harding (cond.) 2, J. Jackson 3, E. Dench 4, A. Rogers 5, F. Wright 6, S. J. Hector 7, C. Butcher 8, C. F. Andrews 9, W. R. Baxter 10. First Grandsire Caters 3, 5 and 6.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hotchin 1, Clifford Harris (first quarter) 2, R. Perry 3, H. Churchill 4, J. Cole (cond.) 5, R. Harris 6.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Doel 1, P. Sparks 2, R. Field 3, W. Tiley 4, R. Higgans 5, J. Chilcott 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, R. Humphries 8. First of Triples 1, 4, 5, 6.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. Division.—Meeting at Stansted for June 12th cancelled owing to circumstances beyond our control.—G. Blake, District Sec. 3643

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Ewell, Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Congregational Church Hall. 3572

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Ottershaw, June 12th. Usual arrangements. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3577

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, All Saints', Fulham, Saturday, June 12th, 4 p.m. Bells available from 5.20. Summer outing, July 10th, to Cuckfield and Lindfield. Particulars later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 3623

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Cambridge District. — Bourn (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 3589

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District. — Meeting, All Saints', Poplar (10), Saturday, June 12th. Ringing 3-4.30, 6.30-8. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements.—R. H. Begrie, District Sec. 3600

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—East Ilsley (8), Saturday, June 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3593

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6), June 12th. Tea for those who notify Rev. C. H. Valentine, The Vicarage, West Hoathly, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 3592

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Meeting, Seaford, Saturday, June 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3616

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Lullington (6), June 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.45. 3628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 3629

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Annual meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, June 12th. St Mary-le-Tower 2.15-3 and 4-8.30; St. Margaret's after 6.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Tudor Cafe. Business meeting after. All cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 3609

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, June 12th. Visitors welcome.—William Uphill, Hon. Sec. 3630

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Reepham, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the I.X.L. Restaurant. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, June 15th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 3603

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Dunstable, June 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, names for which must reach Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable, by June 15th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3604

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Folkestone (8), June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 16th to Mr. J. Willis, 7, Salisbury Villas. Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, June 19th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. with business to follow.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3585

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 19th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxford. 3625

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Quarterly meeting, Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Tea only for those who notify me by 16th (caterers' request).—B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3619

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrook (8), June 19th. Bells 3. Cups of tea, Swan Inn, Ullesthorpe, 4.45. Notify Mr. C. Clarke, The Nook, Ullesthorpe, near Rugby by June 16th. 3642

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — District meeting, Ropley, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2. Service 4. Tea in Village Hall followed by meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, June 14th. Members are asked to consider a possible candidate for secretary since present secretary has to resign due to forthcoming service in H.M. Forces. 3587

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, June 19th, Clay Cross (6). Business important. Bring own food.—J. W. Price. 3653

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts. — Meeting at Brinklow (6), June 19th. Names for tea to me by the Tuesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 3649

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bampton, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by 14th to C. G. Dymond, Sec., Silverton. 3646

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Woodhouse Eaves, June 19th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Pear Tree Inn. Names by June 16th, Mr. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves. No names no tea.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston (6), Saturday, June 19th, 2.30. Tea provided. Names by 15th to Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3658

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Upwell (6), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3657

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Escrick (8), June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring food. Cups of tea provided. 3660

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Saturday, June 19th, at 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3582

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—Meeting at Kirton Lindsey (6 bells) on Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey, by Monday previous. This is essential!—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Tea provided free. Names to T. Harrison, 139, New Street, Blackrod, by June 16th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3634

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Winford, Saturday, June 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Purleigh (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3622

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 19th, 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea, shop opposite church.—S. H. Symonds. 3635

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Liscard (8), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only provided. 3636

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Quarterly meeting, Fittleworth (6), June 19th, 3. Names for tea (by 16th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3639

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNSLEY AND DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual joint meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, June 19th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. Names to W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by June 16th.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 3661

N.E. ESSEX and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Stratford St. Mary, June 19th. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for this to Edward G. Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. East Bergholt bells to be rung at 7. An opportunity to see this unique performance. 3606

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Saltburn (8 bells), June 19th. Names for tea to Mr. G. P. Kemball, 40, Diamond Street, Saltburn-by-Sea, not later than June 17th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3662

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 19th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3664

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. A. Finch, District Sec. 3640

SOUTHAMPTON, ST. MARY'S.—Dedication recast ring of ten, Sunday, June 20th, 3 p.m. Ringing 4.15-6.30 and after evening service. Tea for those who advise by June 16th.—J. W. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton. 3656

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival, Saturday afternoon, June 26th, at Truro. Bells, Cathedral (10), Kenwyn (8), Kea (8). Service at Cathedral 4, when ringers will be welcomed by the Bishop. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 1s. Replies by 19th.—H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 3637

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Dover, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, only to those who notify Mr. C. Turner, 116, Clarendon Street, Dover, not later than June 22nd. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3645

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting, All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Notice for tea, please, by June 23rd to Mr. Gosden, 44, Rectory Road, Sutton.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 3648

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District), LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District), MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Joint meeting, Melbourne, June 26th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. Warren, Potters Street, Melbourne, June 23rd latest. 3650

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne and Ilchester Deaneries.—Combined meeting, Yeovil, June 26th. Service 4.30. Tea follows (no sugar). Early notice to T. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. — F. Farrant, Martock. 3651

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Burstow (6), Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. only for those who notify L. W. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley, by June 21st. 3652

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Braughing, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, June 22nd.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3633

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Hunts District) and PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Thrapston Branch). — Joint meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements.—S. Gilbert and G. W. Jeffs, District and Hon. Secs. 3663

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion, Sunday, June 27th, Kilmersdon, 8 a.m. Please notify me if you intend to be there. Breakfast at the Joliffe Arms for those who send their names by June 23rd.—E. H. Nash, Mells, near Frome. 3590

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, July 3rd. Fuller particulars later. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3617

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting and festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 17th. Luncheon tickets 5s. Latest date for application July 6th. Full details later.—William Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 3638

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OTHER THINGS

TOO frequently, perhaps, interest in a ringing meeting is confined to the bells, the methods rung, the company present and even the tea table! Much depends upon the place ringing takes in the individual's life, for there is a danger among the ultra enthusiastic of ringing becoming completely self-absorbing, obscuring the true perspective of life, blinding the eye and stultifying the intellect to the treasures surrounding us. We are privileged to practise our art amid an incomparable background; such is the heritage of the English ringer. This beauty is in no sense confined to our venerable Cathedrals; most of our churches have special features in hidden glories. To those with the gift of imagination the field is still wider. 'I never drum the tenor in one of these old churches,' remarked a friend, 'without my mind trying to capture the scene in bygone days. I have pictured a doublet on the coat peg or a smock lying in the corner hastily discarded.' Many a peal conductor has rued these flights of fancy.

Such musings have been prompted by reading a report of a meeting of the Beverley and District Society at St. Patrick's, Patrington. This beautiful church, called 'the Queen of Holderness,' dates from the 14th century and has a spire reaching up to 180 feet. St. Patrick's has now a lovely light octave (tenor 10 cwt. 24 lbs.), two new bells having recently been dedicated by the Archbishop of York in memory of the men of the parish who gave their lives during the last war. Thus 1948 blends with the distant past in its gifts to the Church. Before Domesday Patrington belonged to the Church, the Manor having been bestowed by Knut in 1033 A.D. on the Archbishops of York.

Any questioning of Patrington's antiquity is, however, dispelled by the unusual, possibly unique approach to the belfry. First comes an ascent along an outside stone spiral staircase to the roof of the church. The climb is continued outside the church to near the apex of the span of the roof. Here a wooden tunnel is entered which is approximately three feet in height. This is traversed for some 50 feet and to most of the company of 60 attending the meeting, and representative of 21 towers, this approach was a considerable task.

Within sight of Patrington tower was born Andrew Marvell, the poet of the Commonwealth, who was for many years Member of Parliament for Hull. He had a

mind to capture the fantasy and span the distances of time, as revealed in the following lines:—

. . . . But at my back I always hear
Time's winged chariot hurrying near;
And yonder all before us lie
Deserts of vast eternity.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	*‡P. LESLIE PEARCE	7
FREDK. G. LEAKER	2	*NORMAN H. COOMBS	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	*WILLIAM H. PARKER	9
*SYDNEY G. RICHES	4	*RAYMOND C. SEAGER	10
†ANDREW J. CORRIGAN	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	11
DONALD G. CLIFT	6	*LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First in the method. First of Cinques as conductor. A farewell to Mr. A. M. Tyler, who is leaving Bristol for Reading.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	WILLIAM PETTIGREW	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	EDWARD LLOYD	9
ALFRED J. ALLEN	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
ALLAN SHORT	6	*EDRIC FRANKLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal. In memoriam, George Frederick Swann.

TEN BELL PEALS

PRESTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
THOMAS BARKER	2	†EDW. COWPERTHWAITE	7
JOHN CHARNOCK	3	†ERNEST J. GOWER	8
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	4	ARTHUR HATCH	9
JOHN JACKSON	5	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor. Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	6
*HARRY BOSWELL	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
*ARTHUR BOTTERILL	3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	†KENNETH W. KNOWLES	9
*AUBREY M. PICKERING	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

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

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	*ERNEST A. THORPE	6
*F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
*WILLIAM BARTON	5	*EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county, and rung by a resident band.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M., ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDK. R. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	6
*JULIA M. PRESTON	2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	7
FRANK BARRACLOUGH	3	HERBERT LUDKIN	8
MARY WALSHAW	4	RICHARD BENSON	9
†RONALD D. AIREY	5	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on 10 bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*JOHN R. WELSH	*Treble*	FRANK D. JENNINGS	6
FRANK E. DARBY	2	ARTHUR G. HUGHES	7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	3	JOHN W. EWSTON	8
†JOHN S. PINK	4	JOHN F. GALYER	9
‡DAVID E. PARSONS	5	EDWARD G. TALBOT	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN F. GALYER.

* First peal. † First on ten. ‡ First in method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MORTLAKE, LONDON, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

MISS A. M. CASTLE	*Treble*	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	5
THOS. H. TAFFENDER	2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	6
SQUIRE CROFT	3	JAMES BULLOCK	7
THOS. W. TAFFENDER	4	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	T. MARK WHITE	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	HAROLD A. MAY	6
FRED W. BURNETT	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
TOM PAGE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First of Surprise as conductor. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED FROST	*Treble*	ERIC BRUNTON	5
CHARLES CLEGG	2	BURLEY WALSHAW	6
FREDK. R. HARRIS	3	FRANK JOHNSON	7
ALEC CAIRNS	4	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (22). Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, JUN.	5
WILLIE AARON	2	ALBERT E. SANDIFORD	6
JAMES WM. KAY	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
THOMAS BRATBY	4	EDWARD IDDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

To celebrate the ruby wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Crook.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

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

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

*PETER J. EVES	*Treble*	*FRANK C. MAY	5
HENRY T. WILSON	2	HARRY TURNER	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	*GERALD FROST	7
*WILLIAM S. MAY	4	JOHN SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

John Scott	...*Treble*	Arthur D. Cook.	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	*Mrs. T. J. Lock ...	6
G. William Critchley...	3	John Pinfold	6
Edgar C. Shepherd ...	4	John S. Mason	7
		George E. Fearn ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Geo. E. Fearn.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Stanley Slaney	...*Treble*	Harold Wagstaffe ...	5
*Pamela Leaning	2	Joseph Saxton	6
Harold Jackson ...	3	Harold Kent	7
Cyril Wright	4	Arthur B. Cooper ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by Arthur B. Cooper.
* First peal. To commemorate the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. G. A. Lewis Lloyd, as hon. canon of Derby Cathedral.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Miss D. J. Fleetwood	*Treble*	John Armstrong ...	5
*Colin E. Wright ...	2	†Roderick W. Croucher	6
Frank B. Lufkin ...	3	Ernest V. Blake ...	7
Richard W. Stannard	4	Frank V. Gant	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank V. Gant.
* First peal. † First peal in method away from treble. In memoriam A. Prior. Tenor 10 cwt.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Arthur Hoodless	...*Treble*	J. Kenneth Wagstaff...	5
Walter Nichols ...	2	Thomas Wheat	6
*Arthur Lygo	3	T. Vernon Jennison ...	7
*Eric R. Elson	4	Frederick A. Salter ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by Fredk. A. Salter.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*William C. Marshall...	*Treble*	Percy Page	5
†Mark W. Marshall ...	2	Fredk. G. Huckstepp ...	6
William A. Oldfield...	3	Mark S. Lancefield ...	7
Wilfred W. Ring ...	4	Albert J. Lancefield ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Albert J. Lancefield.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Frank Brassington ...	*Treble*	Hubert Summers ...	5
Frank E. Pervin ...	2	Adolphus Roberts ...	6
*Roy D. Hayne	3	*John W. T. Taylor ...	7
Douglas F. Ellender	4	Thomas W. Sheppard...	*Tenor*

Composed by Hy. Johnson. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 13½ cwt.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

Walter F. Judge	...*Treble*	Paul K. Williamson ...	5
Herbert H. Alexander	2	William C. Porter ...	6
William Judge	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Peter C. Wright	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
Rung on the 49th anniversary of the peal of 17,024 changes in the same method on these bells, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON, E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Fredk. E. Dukes ...	*Treble*	*Arthur S. Richards...	5
*Mrs. T. J. Lock ...	2	*W. Norman Park ...	6
*Leonard H. Bowler...	3	Fredk. J. Cullum ...	7
Geoffrey V. Murphy...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. L. H. Bowler's 50th peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Adam Deas	...*Treble*	Joseph E. R. Keen ...	5
John Anderson	2	William J. Davidson...	6
John A. Brown	3	†Ernest Wallace ...	7
†William E. Robinson...	4	Denis A. Bayles ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* 200th peal for the association. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the dedication of this church. Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Thomas S. Horridge ...	*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh ...	5
Thomas W. Hammond...	2	Edwin C. Birkett ...	6
Frederick S. Almond...	3	Thomas R. Butler ...	7
Thomas C. Larkey ...	4	William H. Deacon ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

William J. Meers ...	*Treble*	Fredk. W. Rishworth	5
Richard C. Ingram ...	2	Herbert C. Spencer ...	6
Joseph W. Pemberton...	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
William H., Barber ...	4	John Gilson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert C. Spencer.
In memoriam George F. Swann.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb.

Florrie Wyman	...*Treble*	Albert E. Laker	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Kenneth Snelling ...	6
Raymond Overy	3	William T. Beeson ...	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	Oliver Sippetts	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

RICHMOND, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Denis Frith	...*Treble*	Herbert H. Abrahams	5
Doris M. Killingley ...	2	Roger Spencer	6
Jack R. Worrall	3	Richard F. B. Speed...	7
Thos. Cooke	4	*Douglas Lentell ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all except ringer of 5th. Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 26 cwt.

Ernest Warner	...*Treble*	William Waldron ...	5
Herbert Goakes	2	William Rose	6
Sydney Wright	3	Norman Chaddock ...	7
George Bush	4	Alfred Joyce	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rose.
A farewell peal to the ringers of 7th and tenor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs. May 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	JOHN W. TAYLOR	5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	2	*GEORGE GARDNER	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	ALBERT BARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples, also first of Stedman on the bells. To celebrate the silver wedding of the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Moyle.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Containing 2,240 changes of London, 1,728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, 576 Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
MAURICE HODGSON	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
In memoriam Thomas Groombridge, jun.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
W. A. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	HARRY HOVERD	5
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*JAMES W. EDEN	4	ERNEST OXENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman. In memoriam Thomas Groombridge, jun.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SHENLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	5
PATRICIA HOLMES	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	FRANCIS KIRK	7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*MISS D. J. FLEETWOOD	*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	5
*DENNIS A. BLOWS	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
*COLIN E. WRIGHT	3	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	4	JOHN SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*JOHN W. MEADE	*Treble*	TOM PAGE	5
*HAZEL DALE	2	HAROLD A. NOBES	6
JOAN SALMONS	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
ERNEST F. SALMONS	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. L. JAMES (C.C.C. 47). Conducted by J. H. HUNT.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM STAPLETON	*Treble*	BETTY SPICE	5
HAROLD P. BURTON	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. HENRY HARDING	7
EDMUND J. HOBBS	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY (C.C.C. 60). Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	FREDK. W. STOKES	5
*MISS BETTY BROWN	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Bristol. In memoriam T. Groombridge, jun., and G. Swann. Tenor 12 cwt.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ARTHUR BELLAMY	*Treble*	†ARTHUR GIBBS	5
B. JACK STUBBS	2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	6
*BRIAN AUSTIN	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
MRS. G. E. WATSON	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. Care. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK SEAGER	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
GORDON BENFIELD	2	HARRY DAVISON	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
*WILLIAM H. SENIOR	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
JOHN BEST	3	GEORGE LEDSHAM	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
* 400th peal. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT PARKER	*Treble*	*FRANK BROWN	5
*JAMES BURNS	2	SYDNEY FORSHAW	6
*CYRIL BROWN	3	SYDNEY CLOUGH	7
JOHN ERRINGTON	4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY FORSHAW.
* First peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in C.

JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Treble*	HENRY J. SANGER	5
GILBERT H. HARDING	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
*ALEC MUNDY	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
PERCIVAL W. HARDING	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSN. AND MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*SIDNEY H. JONES	*Treble*	*ALFRED MOULD	5
*JACK BAILEY	2	*WILFRED BUXTON	6
*WILLIAM A. PARSONS	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	*FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in twelve methods, viz.: (1) Carlisle; (2) Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Chester and Munden; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Beverley and Surfleet; (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS	*Treble*	JOHN COOKE	4
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	5
JAMES H. COOKE	3	WILLIAM DEAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal in 12 methods and first 'touch' of Spliced Surprise. First peal in 12 methods as conductor. A compliment to the verger and towerkeeper, Mr. Joseph O. Mann, on his 70th birthday.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one each of 720 Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford, two of Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	4
MRS. G. E. WATSON ...	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	5
BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's in nine methods: London and Wells, York and Durham, Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

BERNARD DALTON ...	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
*RAYMOND WADE	2	WILLIAM OLDMAN	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.
* First peal, aged 11 years 8 months.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, 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, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	4
HARRY HALL	2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	5
*CHARLES BEECROFT ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1912.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Munden, Chester, (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, (3) Rossendale, Stamford, (4) Surfleet, Beverley, (5) London, Wells, (6) York, Durham, (7) Ipswich, Cambridge.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
BETTY SPICE	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
Seventy changes of method. First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all, in the county, and for the Association.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*REV. RICHARD H. HILL	*Treble*	WILLIAM DOWNES	4
*MISS RUBY J. LLOYD ...	2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	5
†MISS ETHEL M. DUPPA	3	ALFRED OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. In honour of the marriage of Philip J. L. Purslow and Mary Powis.

(More peals on page 257.)

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that remittances should be sent before June 25th to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House. Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exercise will desire to join with us in extending our congratulations to Mr. C. F. Johnston, director of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., bellfounders, upon appointment in the King's Birthday Honours List as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe was the 25th peal together by Messrs. D. G. Clift and E. F. Hancock.

St. Martin's bells, Birmingham, will be broadcast next Sunday, June 20th, at 7.45 p.m. previous to the service.

Correction. — Re the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Pelsall, Staffs, on April 26th, the ringer of the fourth was Mr. George Golder.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Oswaldtwistle on May 6th was Charles Clegg and not Jack Clegg as published.

Messrs. Norman Chaddock and Alfred Joyce are returning shortly to Rotherham and London respectively. There was a farewell peal at Peterborough.

St. Mary's Society, Beddington, Surrey, which was re-formed in January, 1947, rang their first peal under the new organisation on May 29th. All members of the band are regular Sunday ringers.

Appreciation of the encouragement given by Mr. E. J. Lindley to handbell ringing at Newmarket comes in a letter from Mr. John A. Acres. There is genuine regret that he has finished his last term at Trinity College.

To those questioning tenor weights, Mr. Denis A. Bayles states that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. give the weight of St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. This tenor has been reported as 30 cwt.

Raymond Wade has rung nine Surprise methods in his first peal at Billingborough, Lincolnshire. At the age of 11 years 8 months he claims to be the youngest ringer to achieve this distinction.

Standing in the peal at Kidlington, Oxfordshire, to mark the 49th anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major were Messrs. Walter and William Judge, whose father rang in the long peal. Mr. William Judge has now completed the circle of this tower for the third time.

Kidlington is another case of a shrinking tenor. In Morris' book it is given as 27 cwt. A tablet in the tower records it as 26 cwt., but nowadays it is regarded as 23½ cwt. 'Believe me,' writes Mr. Alan R. Pink, 'it is all there!'

Mr. A. Chaplin, towerkeeper and Master at Dagenham, Essex, has now 'circled' Dagenham tower.

Will any ringers attending the Festival of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, July 3rd, get in touch with the tower secretary, Miss R. M. Davies, 23, Beatrice Court, Empire Way, Wembley, with a view to arranging some ringing? She would also like to hear of anyone who can assist at 10 a.m. on July 10th for the closing service of the Anglo-Catholic Congress.

On the 55th anniversary of his wedding Mr. A. Roberts rang a peal at Stoke-in-Coventry in honour of the happy occasion. To the outside public the bells expressed the rejoicings of Coventry for the visit of Princess Elizabeth. Mr. Roberts has rung at this tower for 40 years and has now twice 'circled' the tower.

On June 5th Mr. and Mrs. Roberts entertained to tea at Gosford Green Civic Restaurant those who had taken part in the peal together with the local band. Mr. Frank E. Pervin, in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for their hospitality, expressed the hope that Mr. Roberts would be able to take part in his diamond wedding peal.

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Oh! Those Names!

Dear Sir,—If the view that 'Superlative' is, in these days of changing conceptions, no longer an appropriate name for this old Surprise method, from which it is not easy to divorce the title so long associated with it, then, surely, a compromise is possible?

Any new name for a method should :—

(a) Conform with present-day views on nomenclature.

(b) Have some association peculiar to the method.

(c) Have euphony.

The structure of this method seems to suggest a title in conformity with all these requirements. In short, the closely-knit network of its bell-paths suggests *knitting*—not 'plain,' by any means, rather perhaps, 'purl'!

So, why not drop the now-offending 'super-' and, by substituting a 'u' for the 'e' in its second syllable, derive the word PURLATIVE,' meaning literally—'bearing or carrying a knitting-like structure.' The name is near enough to the present one to carry all the old traditions, and is not likely to be mistaken.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park, Netley Abbey.

DETHRONED!

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. J. Corrigan is seeking an alternative name for Superlative Surprise and describes the method as the only stumbling-block in the way. Why not dethrone the method and call it Ex-Superlative, the ex-queen of methods? This would show what it was and now is in one stroke, so to speak, and save endless debate amongst future historians. Premier and the others could be made to abdicate in the same way. I present this 'superlative' idea to the Exercise gratis.

Stockport. P. LAFLIN.

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL IN WALES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in Belfry Gossip as to whether the handbell peal at Morriston is the first in Wales: Before answering the question, may I first congratulate the band on their performance, the first 'all' Welsh band to score a handbell peal.

It is not, however, the first handbell peal in Wales. The first was Grandsire Triples rung for the Hereford Guild at Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, on February 21st, 1897, in 2 hours 33 minutes, by T. J. Bratton 1-2, W. H. Fussell 3-4, J. E. Groves 5-6, W. Greenleaf 7-8. The composition was Parker's Twelve-part, conducted by J. E. Groves, and was his first peal 'in hand.' For further particulars see 'The Bell News,' No. 777, Vol. XV., Feb. 27th, 1897. Since then William Pye has called 5,079 Stedman Caters in the belfry of All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Sept. 11th, 1911, in 2 hours 57 minutes: Bertram Prewett 1-2, W. Pye 3-4, E. Pye 5-6, T. T. Gofton 7-8. J. George 9-10. This was rung for the Llandaff Association.

The first peal of Major 'in hand' in Wales was rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths on June 13th, 1942, when at Gilwirn in Breconshire, 5,008 Bob Major was rung by the following in 2 hours 26 minutes: W. Williams 1-2, R. G. Bryant 3-4, A. M. Tyler 5-6, D. G. Clift 7-8. Conducted by W. Williams. Messrs. Williams and Clift were the first Welshmen to take part in a handbell peal in Wales.

Stapleton, Bristol. DONALD G. CLIFT.

HEREFORD GUILD'S CLAIM

Dear Sir,—Re query from Swansea and Brecon Guild, the first handbell peal rung in Wales was Grandsire Triples (Parker's 12-part) at Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, on Feb. 21st, 1897: Thomas J. Brutton 1-2, William H. Fussell 3-4, James E. Groves (conductor) 5-6, William Greenleaf 7-8. The first of Doubles was rung at Llangattock, Breconshire, on Nov. 3rd, 1912, being Grandsire: G. Mortemore 1-2, J. Hammond (conductor) 3-4, N. Allbutt 5-6. Both peals were rung by the Hereford Guild.

LESLIE EVANS, Peal Recorder,
Hereford Diocesan Guild.

LETTERS

Change Ringing's Appeal to Mathematicians

Dear Sir, — As one who is not a change ringer it is with considerable diffidence that I trespass on your space, but after reading Mr. E. J. Lindley's recent letter I feel that I ought to write to you before somebody gives yet another version of what I have or have not done in my paper, 'A campanological problem in group theory.'

Firstly, it should clear up a number of points if I state quite definitely that I regard the paper as a contribution to the mathematical theory of groups, and not to change ringing. The problem I investigate was, of course, suggested by change ringing, but any application the paper may have to this subject is purely incidental. Thus, for example, I know of no campanological application of section 3 of the paper, which is, from my point of view, the most interesting part.

In the second place, the chief result of the first part of the paper (namely, Theorem 2) is much more general—and therefore takes rather long to prove—than Theorem 1, which, though itself more general than is required for change ringing purposes, is only a simple case of Theorem 2. This answers, I think, Mr. Lindley's objection that I have used a steam hammer to crack a walnut. That part of Theorem 1 which is of interest to change ringers could easily be proved in half a page, and, if necessary, be shorn of all offending technical terminology.

Thirdly, it is certainly true that W. H. Thompson's methods (which form the basis of my paper, and for which I have the greatest admiration) are capable of treating the four different types of peal which I give as examples in my final section. His method is not, however, a general one, but is an *ad hoc* method which must be varied for each different peal considered. Thus, to deal with Grandsire Triples he had to list 28 different positions which the members of a Q-set could occupy in a round block. I should not call this particularly simple. In the case of Grandsire Cinques, however, where a Q-set contains 9 members, his method would be excessively tedious and hardly practicable.

In conclusion, my personal opinion is that mathematicians are likely to derive rather more from a study of change ringing than change ringers from a study of mathematics. The change ringer is interested in the structure of particular groups, and by studying them discovers intriguing properties which the mathematician may, if he is lucky, extend and generalise. These generalisations will usually not provide any further information when applied to the particular groups which suggested them, but they may save a great deal of time and trouble when applied to more complicated or less familiar methods of ringing which are of the same general type.—Yours sincerely, R. A. RANKIN.

Clare College, Cambridge.

'THE TIMES' LEADER

Dear Sir,—The report of the Literature and Press Committee published in your current issue is probably condensed, but mention might have been made of the leader in 'The Times' of April 28th last. This was headed 'Bells' and ran to 52 lines. It dealt in the genial and general way usual to the fourth leader of that paper, but the final sentence rather startled me: 'A picturesque art is dwindling in a world well learned in the evil craft of making louder and more destructive noises.' 'The Thunderer' should mind its step!—Yours truly, CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

'Tom' Groombridge, jun.

Dear Sir,—Is it possible to feel the loss of a friend one has never seen? That question was answered for me this morning in the words of that beautiful hymn, 'O Saviour, precious Saviour, Whom yet unseen we love.' I feel that in the untimely passing over of Mr. Tom Groombridge, jun., I have other friends I have not seen.

I was shocked on looking at my 'Ringing World' on arriving home on Saturday after attending the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows' conference at Margate, from where I wrote 'Tom.'

You will no doubt remember the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' a short time ago on the subject of branch secretaries going off peal ringing on Saturdays of monthly meetings, when Tom 'came in' on me very severely, likening my criticism to a street organ grinder (and I think, at the time, he really meant his monkey) criticising Dr. Thalben Ball playing a Bach Fugue.

Often differences of opinion occur through failing to understand and appreciate the other chap's point of view. It only required a letter or two between us to reconcile our points of view, and for me to find out that he was, first and foremost, a Sunday service ringer.

'Moral,' have our differences (they are good for the Exercise); disagree, if we must; but do not let us be disagreeable; life is far too short.

Whilst writing, please may I, through our journal, express on behalf of all who took part our grateful thanks to the ringers of Margate (St. John's) and Ramsgate (St. Lawrence's) and Mr. Turner, Dover (St. Mary's), for the generous facilities they afforded us whilst at Margate last week.

W. FRANK STENSON
(Christ Church, Crewe).

OBITUARY

MR. W. A. JEAVONS.

The last of the original band of call change ringers at Coseley, Staffs, died on May 28th in the person of Mr. W. A. Jeavons. He was 83 and had served in the belfry for 66 years, and previously was a chorister. Although unable to do more than ring the treble to a plain hunt, he was most regular in attendance and had rung in a few peals locally.

Fellow ringers acted as bearers at the funeral on June 1st, after which 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, C. R. Godfrey 2, A. Cope 3, Miss E. Causer 4, W. Bayliss 5, D. Whatmore 6, J. D. Holden (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8. First of Triples for 1, 2 and 6.

MR. F. C. NYE.

After nine years of failing health, Mr. Frederick C. Nye has died at his home at Ringwood, Bagshot, at the age of 77.

He learnt to ring at Easthampstead, Berks, 50 years ago and remained a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild until his death. He had been a regular ringer of St. Anne's, Bagshot, since 1904, and had devoted much time to the care of the bells and to teaching beginners. He was a member of the Winchester Guild until the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a keen and active member until his health failed.

After the funeral service at St. Anne's, Bagshot, on June 2nd, interment followed at Lightwater Cemetery, where a touch of Grandsire was rung on handbells over the open grave by Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelden.

Among the floral tributes was one from the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild and also one from the ringers of St. Anne's, Bagshot. During the evening the tower bells were rung half-muffled by the local band.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Smith 1, Beryl Strange (first 'inside') 2, T. I. Holborow 3, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 4, J. E. Manners 5, W. M. Greenaway 6.

Essex Association

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASED TO MEET RISING COSTS.

Reference has already been made in 'The Ringing World' to the sermon preached by the Bishop of Colchester at the annual meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, attended by 130 ringers. At the service the names of members who had died during 1947 were read, viz.: C. J. Ellis (Harwich), T. Ward (Bishop's Stortford), C. Jordan (Stansted), F. Chalk, J. Waldock (Maldon), G. Brackley (Shenfield), P. C. Perrin (Waltham Abbey), J. H. Wilkins, H. Street (Walthamstow), F. C. Newman, G. Haydon (West Ham), T. A. Laybourne (Dagenham), and two hon. members, Canon S. L. Brown and Mr. F. J. French (Chelmsford).

The Master (Dr. T. P. Spencer-Phillips) presided at the business meeting, held at the Chapter House.

The annual report showed that 1947 had been a year of vigorous reconstruction. The Cathedral Library for ringers had been extended and should be a feature of the Association in the days to come. Membership decreased slightly, but four more towers were in union with the Association. A new ring of eight had been installed at St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, the gift of Mr. Albert Mitchell, in memory of his wife. The four bells of Downham had been recast and a treble and tenor added, the gift of Mr. F. W. Keddie and wife in memory of their three sons lost in the last war. A thirteenth bell had been added to the Cathedral ring through the generosity of the late Mr. F. J. French. The eight of Great Tey had been rehung on ball bearings. In Great Bentley Church a memorial tablet to the late Mr. W. J. Nevard was dedicated last autumn, the cost being borne by private subscriptions and the Association.

The 'Crusaders' of the S.W. District had carried on their good work and other districts had extended their activities. Fifty-four peals were rung during the year—43 on tower bells, 11 on handbells. Twenty shared the conducting, 11 rang their first peal, and 81 their first peal in the method. Mr. Lufkin and his band made history by ringing 9,000 of Bob Royal at Prittlewell.

Considerable interest was taken in the accounts. Membership subscriptions showed an increase; but a £36 deficit (£20 non-recurring) on the year's work, following reduced balances of the two previous years, influenced the decision to increase the subscription of 2s. 6d. in 1949. The hon. members' subscription was reduced to a minimum of 2s. 6d., in the hope that more people in the churches would be enrolled as hon. members. A strong plea was made for a lively co-operative church interest. Increased collections for the Bell Restoration Fund resulted in a balance of £240 10s. 7d.

After a full discussion it was decided to introduce a peal ringing fee of 6d. per ringer to help meet the cost of the annual report. Then followed a resolution to change the date of the annual general meeting to the Saturday nearest to the date of Whit Monday of 1879 (June 2nd) to enable the Central Council representatives to attend both annual general meetings. This was defeated and a resolution passed to shelve the changing of the date of the annual general meeting for not less than five years.

The secretary read a letter relating to the committee's request for representation on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The Bishop thought that there was no need for such representation, assuring the members of assistance in every way at all times.

The election of officers followed. Mr. E. J. Butler was unanimously elected as a life vice-president in recognition of long and efficient service as a district secretary, a Central Council representative, and an auditor. Other officers elected were: Master, Dr. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.: Deputy Master, Mr. G. L. Joyce: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. C. Heazel; auditors, Messrs. H. Turner and J. H. Crampion; trustees, Messrs. G. Green, E. J. Runter and H. W. Shadrack; life members, Mr. H. Allen (Chelmsford), Mr. L. Myhill (Springfield).

Over twenty members were elected from Prittlewell, Thorpe Bay, Great Wakering and Woodford. The Misses D. Fleetwood and J. Griffith were co-opted to the committee for secretarial work. Mr. F. Dench (Saffron Walden) resigned from the Peals Sub-Committee and was thanked for many years of valuable assistance.

Luncheon was well arranged and served at the County Hotel, the Bishop and the Provost being the chief guests.

MISS BETTY BROWN



Fourteen-year-old Miss Betty Brown, of Lincoln, who rang her first peal on March 1st, 1947, is a credit to her tutor, Mr. F. W. Stokes. At the end of last year she had the following 21 peals to her credit, each method having been rung on an 'inside' bell:—

Doubles, four methods 1; Stedman Doubles 1; Minor, one method 1, four methods 1, five methods 2, seven methods 3; Cambridge Minor 1; London Minor 2; Stedman Triples 2; Superlative Surprise Major 1; London Surprise Major 3; Stedman Caters 2; Erin Caters 1.

Like Miss Jacock, of Burnham, Miss Brown is a proud member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. She scored her 25th peal on June 4th.

DIAMOND WEDDING

A service at St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, where they were married 60 years ago, followed by a family party at their home, 49, Englands Lane, Loughton, marked the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bacon.

Mr. Bacon, who is 84, started ringing 65 years ago and is still a ringer. He has about 20 peals to his credit. His membership with the Essex County Association dates back to 1887 and he has been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths since 1891. Our congratulations!

THE CORS OF ALDBOURNE

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession a peal of 12 handbells, 250 years old, by W. Cor, of Aldbourne, Wilts (1700). Could any reader inform me of other existing peals of hand or tower bells by this founder? I believe the back six at Northleach and the tenor at Upper Slaughter came from that foundry.

OLIVER E. HILL.

Stinchcombe, Dursley, Glos.

Midland Counties Guild

ANNUAL MEETING AT BURTON.

The town of Burton-on-Trent, famous throughout the Exercise for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers at the stately church of St. Paul, was the venue of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild.

The Vicar of St. Paul s (the Rev. W. Willis-Price), who is also an hon. member of the Guild, conducted a short service and gave an interesting address, remarking upon the important witness of ringers in the life of the Church.

Tea, a much-needed meal on such a beautiful day, was enjoyed by all, and the usual business meeting was held.

The Chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) referred to the loss the Guild had sustained in the death of Mr. Chandler, of Appleby Magna. Members stood as a mark of respect.

The secretary, in his report, recorded that the ringing membership had increased to 144 and honorary membership to 25. During the year 25 peals had been rung, an increase of eight on the previous year. The secretary spoke of the dearth of young conductors, adding that in many societies conducting appeared to be in the hands of a few individuals.

Concluding, the secretary said it should be noted that St. Paul's tower was one of the very few where a peal had been rung for each of the royal events during 1947—Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday and marriage.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet and reported a deficit of approximately £13 in the General Fund, largely due to the high cost of printing the report. Efforts, the treasurer said, are in hand to check this adverse balance during the current year.

One honorary and eleven ringing members were elected from Repton, Burton (All Saints'), Derby and Lullington.

Written notice was given by Mr. B. G. Key, supported by Mr. S. H. Jones, that Rule 5 be revised to include the annual appointment of a Ringing Master. This was approved.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield, being unanimously elected president, Mr. W. H. Curson chairman, Mr. B. G. Key Ringing Master, Mr. J. H. Brittan treasurer, Mr. J. W. Cotton secretary, Mr. T. Prvce hon. auditor; committee, Messrs. E. W. Beadsmoore, W. J. Leach, S. H. Jones and T. J. Marriott.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells and to the ladies for preparing tea was proposed by Mr. S. H. Jones, seconded by Mr. B. G. Key, and carried with acclamation.

AUGMENTATION

SIDBURY, DEVON.

Two new bells hung in Sidbury (Devon) tower to complete a ring of eight were dedicated recently by Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers. A simple service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Taylor).

One bell, to be known as the Mothers' Bell, given by the Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Airy, in memory of their mothers and as a tribute to all mothers, was formally handed over to the Vicar by Mr. Airy. The second or memorial bell, which is being paid for by public subscription, as a memorial to the men of the parish who fell in battle during the 1939-45 war, was handed over by Messrs. F. Summers, W. J. Froome and R. Lavers (churchwardens).

Sidbury ringers with their captain (Mr. M. Denner) rang the eight bells for the first time. Other teams joining in the ringing were from Exeter, Sidmouth, Okehampton and Otterv St. Mary. A tea in the Village Hall was attended by Guild officers and members. J.A.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Hunts District at Eynesbury attracted about 110 members. Ringing included York, London and Cambridge Surprise. Mr. S. Gilbert, district secretary, was deputed to make arrangements for a joint meeting with the Peterborough Guild at Spaldwick.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DOUGLAS SANKEY ... ...*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES 4
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. GRICE.
* First in the method. First peal as conductor.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ...*Treble*	*J. MARTIN PAGE 4
JOHN WELCH 2	NATHAN PATMORE ... 5
BARNARD PATMORE 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.
* First peal.

BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

*A. JOHN HOBLEY ... ...*Treble*	†GEORGE RATHBONE ... 3
HAROLD FOLWELL ... 2	W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 4

WILLIAM A. STOTE ... *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Wells, Norfolk, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS CUMMINS ...*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
JOHN R. KEMP 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.
First peal on bells.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Stedman and ten each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD FOLWELL ...*Treble*	*FRANK TROTMAN 3
*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD... 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 4

LEONARD TREVOR ... ... *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the quickest tower-bell peal ever rung in the county.

LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS E. LOXTON ...*Treble*	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 4
RODERICK W. CROUCHER 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
WILLIAM PERRY 3	GERALD FROST ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
To celebrate the diamond jubilee of the ordination of the Rector of Leigh, Canon R. S. King.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP *Treble*	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 4
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL 2	†MARK W. MARSHALL ... 5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Kent Minor.

CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire, 18 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 4 six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 callings.

ERNEST H. MASTIN ...*Treble*	STANLEY G. ELSEY 3
DOUGLAS CLARKE 2	DOUGLAS BRYAN 4

ARTHUR ROLFE ... ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
First peal on five bells and in three methods by all. Farewell peal to the Rev. C. G. Reed.

HEIGHINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM OLIVER ... ...*Treble*	JACK R. WORRALL ... 4
†HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM JONES 4
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
GEORGE CASE 3	*CHARLES LARNER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 92, BUTCHER'S ROW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven variations of calling. Tenor size 15 in C.

*BASIL WHITE 1-2	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3-4

CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5-6
Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.
* First peal 'in hand.'

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT SUNNY VIEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 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 by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 1-2	TOM HARRIS 5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN 3-4	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., May 28, 1948, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT 9, FISHERMAN'S AVENUE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	FRED PRICE 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
In memoriam George F. Swann.

QUARTER PEALS

BANBURY, OXON. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Woodward (first quarter) 1, Audrey Grainge 2, W. Watson 3, R. Cave 4. R. Grainge 5, J. Stretton (cond.) 6, S. Grainge 7, J. Bishop 8.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. P. Vessey (13) 1, S. G. Vessey 2, R. T. Vessey 3, J. C. Vessey 4, P. Holmes (cond.) 5, J. P. Vessey, sen. 6. First quarter 1, 6. First of Doubles 2, 3, 4, 5.

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Cropley 1, F. Bush 2, S. Hart 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, B. Williams' (cond.) 7, R. Randell 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

BECKFORD, GLOS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: O. Attwood 1, M. Clifford (cond.) 2, P. Baker 3, E. T. Newbury 4, J. Attwood 5, W. Clements 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marks 1, A. Crane 2, H. Sear 3, F. Stenton 4, R. Cadamy 5, D. J. Meager (first of Stedman) 6. W. Sear (cond.) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET. — On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: J. T. Godwin 1, H. Steed 2, Mrs. A. F. Godley 3, J. Squire 4, H. R. Pink (cond.) 5. In memory of Mr. G. R. Runyard, ringer for 52 years and captain of Bradford Peverell for 25 years.

BURFORD, OXON. — On May 16th, 1,470 Hereward Bob Triples: J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols (composer and cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. First in method by all the band.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, J. Morris 2, J. Drew (first of Stedman) 3, C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, W. Yates 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, S. H. Green 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Garrison 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, J. Conduct 3, F. H. W. Bird 4, J. Graves 5, W. J. Meers (cond.) 6, W. C. Rhodes 7, J. Gilson 8.

FULHAM, LONDON. — At All Saints', on May 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. J. Paice 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, G. Alsop 5, W. Langdon 6, J. W. Chilcott (cond.) 7, W. T. Elson 8, J. W. Stephenson 9, H. Belcher 10. For the conductor's 81st birthday.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dunn 1, F. Brown 2, R. Dobbins 3, A. Tew 4, W. Dobbins 5, J. Williams (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for the wedding of Mr. G. Thomas (a local ringer) and Miss B. Newall.

HALSALL, LANCS.—On May 16th, a half-peal of Bob Minor: Miss E. Rice (first half) 1, Miss M. Ackers 2, Miss V. Draper 3, R. Critchley 4, J. Pounds 5, C. Ackers (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints' on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. B. Bull 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. Spicer (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, J. Carrott 2, E. G. Cottis 3, C. Wright 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, H. T. Wilson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—At St. Margaret's on May 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Nicholls 3, D. Sanderson, R.A.F. 4, G. L. Perkins 5, J. Perkins 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, GLOS.—On May 16th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. Wright (13) (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, W. J. Gait (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Naish 4, J. Naish 5, J. Brooks 6.

HOLCOMBE ROGUS, DEVON. — On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Payne 1, P. Mayne 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, D. T. North 4, W. Stevens 5, W. Ware 6. A compliment to the new Vicar (the Rev. N. S. P. Baron).

HAWKHURST, KENT. —On May 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss H. Gorringe 1, W. Gorringe 2, R. Tappenden 3, M. S. Cloke 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, A. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters 7, L. Pope (first of Major as cond.) 8. First in method by all except 2 and 5.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: Miss Orchard 1, Mrs. Gould 2, B. Huddleston 3, J. Williams 4, A. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield (cond.) 6, H. Baguley 7, F. Lewis 8. Second anniversary of the death of Mr. J. Gould, tower-master.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On May 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Eileen D. Farrell 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Sheila E. Harris (first of Kent T.B. Royal) 4, F. D. Bishop 5, H. J. Eldred 6, E. Dodds 7, S. Croft 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 6 and 7.

LEICESTER.—On May 15th, at St. John-the-Divine, 1,343 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: J. Hill 1, J. Bramley 2, S. Harrison 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, W. H. Clarke 6, G. A. Olliffe 7, F. H. Underwood (first quarter) 8. In memoriam Mrs. Williams, wife of Canon H. V. Williams.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Martin 1, Mrs. G. Wareham 2, Miss V. Mabberley 3, Miss P. Marsh 4, H. White (cond.) 5, J. White (first quarter) 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church on May 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. A. Potts 1, A. Challinor 2, G. Farrer 3, S. Hough, jun. 4, W. Gayes 5, W. Stevenson 6, H. Wood (first quarter) 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Smith 1, Miss H. Prescott 2, Miss B. Prescott 3, Miss D. Smith 4, R. Smith 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

MASHAM, YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edward Hudson 1, H. H. Abrahams (first as cond.) 2, Doris M. Killingley 3, Denis Frith (first of Triples) 4, G. Dalton 5, H. Parrish 6, T. Cooke 7, J. R. Worrall 8.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Antelope, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): Sheila Knight 1, G. E. Beynon 2, P. Neal 3, S. Evans 4, J. M. Watson (cond.) 5, B. McArthur 6. First in eight methods by all.

NORTHFLEET, KENT. — At St. Botolph's on May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Vandepeer 1, Mrs. T. Taylor 2, J. Constant 3, G. Thompson 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Burles 6, G. Butcher 7, E. Poole 8. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Gunner).

POOLE, DORSET. — On May 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Houlton 1, W. Young 2, A. L. Pearson 3, A. G. Rose 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, E. T. Hendley 6, F. W. Burnett 7, R. H. True 8, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 9, R. Hurst 10. First of Caters 3, 7 and 9.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Minor (600 of Single Oxford and 720 of Kent Treble Bob): Mrs. G. E. Watson 1, B. Austin 2, B. S. Cope 3, L. Toseland 4, B. Lumbers 5, G. Watson 6. Believed to be the first long length on the bells for 20 years.

WEST MAITLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA. — On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. H. Short 1, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 2, J. A. Napper 3, L. L. Butcher 4, J. Duncan 5, W. Peverell and K. Stacey 6. First quarter on the bells.

WIGAN, LANCS.—On May 3rd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: E. Arrowsmith 1, A. Parker 2, J. Burns 3, W. Farrimond 4, S. Forshaw (first as cond.) 5, S. Clough 6. J. Major 7. T. Tinsley 8, E. Darbyshire 9, T. Marshall 10. First of Caters by 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Whittingham 1, Miss G. Crockford 2, J. Woodason 3, W. J. Brooks 4, W. Newton 5, F. Butler 6, W. Pearce (cond.) 7, J. Elliott 8. Half-muffled as a tribute to Canon B. Long, former Rector.

NOTICES

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Richard F. B. Speed, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Miss Frances A. Edgar, of Donhead St. Andrew, Dorset. 3669

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ronald H. Dove is now 26, Sycamore Avenue, Harehills Lane, Leeds 8. 3706

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. H. Ludkin and family would like to thank all colleagues of the late Mr. H. Ludkin for the kindness and respect shown during their recent bereavement. It is very gratifying to know he had such friends, and they may like to know he died as he would have wished, ringing to the end. 3704

Mrs. M. Swann wishes to thank all those kind ringing friends who have written to her in her sudden loss, as it is not possible to answer each individually. 3684

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

NORTH WALES.—Ringers and families will find a special welcome at Plas Madoc, Church Walks, Llandudno. Residence with full board 15s. 6d. a day, winter term to Mid-June 12s. 6d. H. and C. water in all bedrooms.—Apply Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams, proprietors (nee Hemming, Hampton). 3435

SCARBOROUGH.—If you have still to book we can accommodate you up to July 10th and from September 4th. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 3666

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

Ready June 26th.—370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS, containing all named methods ever rung or published. 2s. post free. — A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 3678

MISCELLANEOUS

ABERGAVENNY ST. MARY'S.—The Lord Bishop of Monmouth will rededicate the bells Monday, August 9th, 6.30 p.m. All interested cordially invited.—George Ward, Hon. Sec., The Ferns, Park Crescent, Abergavenny. 3624

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Subscriptions for 1948 to H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester. Annual meeting, Manchester, September 18th. A reminder to keep date open. 3693

MEETINGS

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Dunstable, June 19th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3604

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, June 19th, 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. with business to follow.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 3585

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—Meeting at Kirton Lindsey (6 bells) on Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey, by Monday previous. This is essential!—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 3632

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 19th, 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea, shop opposite church.—S. H. Symonds. 3635

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Folkestone (8), June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3607

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Quarterly meeting, Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. —B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 3619

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — District meeting, Ropley, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 2. Service 4. Tea in Village Hall followed by meeting 5. Members are asked to consider a possible candidate for secretary since present secretary has to resign due to forthcoming service in H.M. Forces. 3587

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bampton, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. 3646

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Upwell (6), Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3657

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Purleigh (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 3622

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNSLEY AND DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual joint meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, June 19th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church House. Names to W. Green, 9, Moor Road, Wath-on-Dearne.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 3661

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Saltburn (8 bells), June 19th. Names for tea to Mr. G. P. Kemball, 40, Diamond Street, Saltburn-by-Sea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3662

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 19th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3664

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. A. Finch, District Sec. 3640

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. — Meeting at Rawtenstall, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3. Reports ready. Any subscriptions gladly received. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3690

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—Reopening of ring of six, June 20th, at 6 p.m., by Archdeacon of Basingstoke. Bells rehung by Gillett and Johnston. 3671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Evening meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Tuesday, June 22nd, 7.15 p.m.—F. A. Finch, District Sec. 3693

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Dover, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, only to those who notify Mr. C. Turner, 116, Clarendon Street, Dover, not later than June 22nd. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3645

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne and Ilchester Deaneries.—Combined meeting, Yeovil, June 26th. Service 4.30. Tea follows (no sugar). Early notice to T. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. — F. Farrant, Martock. 3651

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting, All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Notice for tea, please, by June 23rd to Mr. Gosden, 44, Rectory Road, Sutton.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 3648

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Winslow, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by June 22nd.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3672

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Bristol Rural Branch.—Marshfield (8), June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Bray, June 26th, 3.15. Names for tea by 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3689

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District), LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District), MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Joint meeting, Melbourne, June 26th, 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. Warren, Potters Street, Melbourne, June 23rd latest. 3650

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Burstow (6), Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. only for those who notify L. W. Penfold, Rebow, New Road, Smallfield, Horley, by June 21st. 3652

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Braughing, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea must reach me by Tuesday, June 22nd.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3633

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Hunts District) and PETERBOROUGH GUILD (Thrapston Branch). — Joint meeting, Spaldwick, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements.—S. Gilbert and G. W. Jeffs, District and Hon. Secs. 3663

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Idle, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, near Bradford, by Wednesday, June 23rd. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3705

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Wetherby on June 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. to all who apply Rev. C. O. Ellison, The Vicarage, Wetherby, on or before June 23rd. Reports available and subscriptions are now due.—William Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3667

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Rotherfield (8) on June 26th. Bells available 2.30. Teas only for those who notify S. T. A. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, North Street, Rotherfield, not later than 23rd. —F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 3676

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Banwell, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Beehive Cafe.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3680

DEVON GUILD.—M.D. and S.W. Branches. —Buckfast Abbey (12) and Dean Prior (6), Saturday, June 26th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett and T. G. Myers, Branch Secs. 3679

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING, JUNE 26th. — Daventry 9.15 a.m.; Staverton 9.25; Charwelton 9.40; Newnham 9.55; Weedon 10.5; Lower Heyford 10.20.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 3687

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Westoning (6), Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday, June 3rd.—D. W. Beard. Assistant Dis. Sec. 63, High Street South, Dunstable. 3686

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Fishlake (6), June 26th, 3 p.m. Tea available. Buses leave Christ Church, Doncaster, at 2, 3.15, 3.45. Names to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3694

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival Meeting. — Dorking, June 26th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking, by 21st. Ranmore tower under repair and bells probably not open.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 3692

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual meeting at Brecon on June 26th. Service at Cathedral 3 p.m., followed by annual meeting. This being the 25th anniversary of the Guild, a dinner at the Wellington Hotel at 6 p.m., tickets 10s. inclusive from Mr. Melville, Howcroft, 23, The Watton, Brecon. 3700

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon District Branch.—Meeting at Alcester (8) on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Holly Bush at 5 p.m.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3685

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Joint meeting, Grimsby and Lincoln Districts, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service to be arranged 5 p.m. Tea, Hanson's Cafe, for those who notify by June 23rd Mr. B. Howden, 3, Spaw, Lane South. — H. I. Mingay and J. Freeman, Hon. Dis. Secs. 3682

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30. Lunch (3s.) for all who notify me by Friday, June 25th. Tea arranged. Service 6 p.m.; preacher, Bishop of Colchester.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 3683

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 3708

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Misterton (6), June 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5.15, Wedgwood Cafe, Lutterworth. Names by June 23rd to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 3707

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Lanchester, July 3rd, 2.30. Tea arranged.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 3668

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District. —Meeting at Grayshott, Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea for those who send names by June 28th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3673

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, July 3rd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7. St. Mary's and St. Michael's also available. Tea (to members 1s. 9d., to others 2s. 3d.) in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by general meeting. Please send word by Tuesday, June 29th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 3681

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Welford (8), July 3rd. Names for tea must reach me by June 26th. — E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 3688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Thame, July 3rd, 2.45. Service 4. Tea, Spread Eagle Hotel, 2s. each, for those notifying before June 30th.—H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame. 3691

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Meeting, Whatton-in-the-Vale (6), July 3rd, 3 p.m. Frequent buses from Bingham. Notify me for tea by Tuesday, June 29th.—J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 3697

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six-bell contest at Marsden, Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 3rd. NOTE: Mixed bands may enter this contest. Draw 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. V. Shaw, 5, Bankfield, Marsden, before June 25th. Team entries to reach me for June 30th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 3695

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, July 3rd. Fuller particulars later. — Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3617

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at North Weald (6) on Saturday, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bus service from Epping at 4 and 34 minutes past the hour. Train by Central London Line to Woodford and then half-hourly service.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3677

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church 4.30; tea 5.15 for those only who notify Mr. A. Morris, 50, School Road, Shirley, near Birmingham, not later than Wednesday, June 30th. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves. Hon. Sec. 3698

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) & DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch).—Joint meeting, Milverton, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Wiveliscombe bells after tea. Numbers for tea early to A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3699

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Clifton, Notts, Saturday, July 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea by June 29th to Mr. T. V. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. 3703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Lakenheath, Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 30th.—D. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3702

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It is right and proper that such service should be recognised, it is one of the duties of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council to see that they are not forgotten and that such material is available for the ringing historian of the future. There is another section whom the writer would like to see recorded on a roll of honour—those ringers who by their keenness and enthusiasm, have induced the public to subscribe large sums of money to provide bells.

An example to hand is the service rendered by Mr. F. Horsfield, hon. secretary of the Bell Fund at St. Peter's Church, Macclesfield. He was taught to ring by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse at Sedbergh, and has been a ringer successively at Barwell, Hinckley and West Bromwich. Four years ago he came to Macclesfield and was surprised to find that the fine tower of St. Peter's had only one bell. It was not long before he started to agitate for a ring of eight to commemorate the centenary of the church and as a memorial to those who fell in the war. In the space of 27 months £1,700 was raised to meet the cost of bells and clock chimes.

Brief reference to this dedication was made in Belfry Gossip at the time, but pressure on our space prevented justice being done to the occasion. Mr. Horsfield also trained a team of local boys, with an average age of just under 15 years to ring the opening touch, and it is claimed that these are the youngest band to have opened a new ring. The Archdeacon of Macclesfield, who performed the dedication ceremony, had a special word of encouragement to the young life in the belfry. 'You could have chosen the easier course which other parishes have adopted from time to time and installed a mechanical ringing device,' he said, 'but you here had faith that there would always be men, and perhaps women too, who would come forward and ring from Sunday to Sunday.' As a body that faith is unshaken among ringers to-day, but it behoves us to be vigilant.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

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On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	7
HERBERT LANGDON	2	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	8
*JOHN B. SANSOM	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
WILLIAM S. LANGDON	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	5	ALFRED B. PECK	11
ROBERT W. GREEN	6	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. In memoriam G. F. Swann.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	8
WILLIAM TILLETT	3	ERNEST W. PYE	9
HOBART E. SMITH	4	CECIL W. PIPE	10
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	11
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	6	HERBERT G. JILLINGS	*Tenor*

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 22, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*JACK T. MEDHURST	*Treble*	BERNARD PANKHURST	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	CHARLES BASSETT	6
MAURICE HODGSON	3	TOM SONE	7
*ALFRED H. JANES	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Major.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HELEN GORRINGE	*Treble*	LESLIE W. JARVIS	5
WILLIAM GORRINGE	2	†LAWRENCE T. POPE	6
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FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

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On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

FRANCIS LAFLIN	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON	5
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A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	*Treble*	†WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	†MARK W. MARSHALL	6
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Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD	*Treble*	*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
STANLEY SLANEY	2	CYRIL WRIGHT	6
FRED A. ADAMS	3	GORDON C. BRIGGS	7
*DENNIS COOPER	4	JOSEPH SAXTON	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*THOMAS COOKE	*Treble*	*JACK R. WORRALL	5
*GEORGE F. NEWTON	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6
JOHN ANDERSON	3	ADAM DEAS	7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOS. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal in the method.

CARRICKFERGUS, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM PRATT	*Treble*	*A. ERNEST MCGRATH	5
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN	2	HARRY BROWN	6
JAMES EDGAR	3	*RITCHIE ADAMSON	7
FREDK. E. DUKES	4	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. AMES	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
*MAURICE BENNETT	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
HAROLD BARSLEY	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
*CYRIL WANDER	4	*HORACE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS EVELYN M. MANCE	*Treble*	*ARTHUR EDWARDS	5
REGINALD C. THRIFT	2	ALBT. G. BARTHOLOMEW	6
PETER J. EVES	3	WILLIAM J. BARRETT	7
HARRY SHADRACK	4	ALFRED MEADOWCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. BARRETT.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. In honour of the engagement of Miss Ruby Eves.

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LAMBETH, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	*T. MARK WHITE	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor for the association. In memoriam Thomas Groombridge, jun. Tenor 17 cwt.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERIC B. HARTLEY	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
*J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	FREDK. A. FINCH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.
* First in method away from treble. First of Surprise as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDK. H. BIRKS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD BROWN	5
HARRY LEWIS	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
†ROBIN GUY	3	HENRY O. BAKER	7
GEO. F. SPERRING	4	JOHN W. BEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam William David Morris, verger at the above church, 1911-1948.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	*ARTHUR D. COOK	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal of Superlative. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 1, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HARWOOD	*Treble*	RICHARD BLAKEY	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	HARRY CORSER	6
ALBERT YATES	3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	7
FRED READ	4	WILLIAM PROCTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRED READ.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*J. W. RAITHBY	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	J. F. MILNER	6
MR. F. G. HOOPER	3	†A. E. CHILTON	7
MISS JEAN SOUTHERST	4	‡R. SLEEP	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.
* First peal in method. † First peal in method 'inside.' ‡ First peal. In memoriam T. Groombridge, jun.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	5
WALTER C. MEDLER	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

TOM BROTHWELL	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
*GORDON C. BRIGGS	2	†R. W. M. CLOUSTON	6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
JACK G. BROTHWELL	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal of Surprise away from treble. † First in the method. First in method as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

RUSSELL G. SPEARS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all the band and by the Association.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	ADAM DEAS	5
*THOMAS W. CROWE	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	4	ERNEST WALLACE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH D. PARKER. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal of Cambridge.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

KENNETH W. MAYER	*Treble*	JOHN A. FREEMAN	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	6
*MISS BETTY BROWN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ALFRED H. PULLING	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 25th peal. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

SIX BELL PEALS

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 26 six-scores of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRIAN BLADON (14)	*Treble*	†MARGARET E. RICHARDS	4
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE (14)	2	‡W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN	3	‡CHARLES J. GARDNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ 60th peal together. First peal on the bells.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

MISS MAVIS BOTHAM	*Treble*	MRS. C. K. LEWIS	4
JAMES A. MILNER	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
ERIC SIMPSON	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
For the induction of the Rev. W. B. James as Vicar.

MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*HARRY SCOFFIN	*Treble*	SAMUEL H. SUTTON	4
MISS DOROTHY CLARK	2	JOHN I. SMITH	5
KENNETH KETTERINGHAM	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First peal of Minor.

EAST WITTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*DVR. T. L. ALLAN	*Treble*	SIG. D. FRITH	4
SIG. H. H. ABRAHAMS	2	SERGT. J. WORRALL	5
†L./CPL. J. BRYANT	3	O/CDT. R. F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, every call a single. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	CECIL E. CARR	4
WILLIAM A. WOOD	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOHN B. BENNETT	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung for the 20th. anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 7 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

BERT HUBBARD	*Treble*	NEVILLE MOYES	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	RICHARD S. E. HUBBARD	5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	J. POUNDS	4
MISS M. ACKERS	2	C. ACKERS	5
MISS V. DRAPER	3	A. MAWDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.
In memoriam Canon Rodwell, Rector.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Reverse Canterbury, two 720's of Oxford Bob and one each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	CHARLES W. PEMBERTON	4
ERIC EDMUNDSON	2	A. KENNETH HUMPHREYS	5
ALFRED W. CUSICK	3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	ERNEST G. SHORTING	4
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON	2	ARTHUR J. SMALLS	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS W. BOND	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
*NORA HONEY	2	‡H. PETER RAYNOR	5
†PETER C. WRIGHT	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Minor in more than one method. † First of Minor in four methods. ‡ First of Minor on tower bells. To welcome the new incumbent, Rev. J. M. F. Perret.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	RODERICK W. CROUCHER	4
PETER J. EVES	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
WILLIAM S. MAY	3	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's, 2,160 of Plain Bob, 63 Bobs, 82 Singles. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Treble*	*FRANK L. BAKER	4
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	*CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in three methods. The conductor has 'circled' this tower.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Bankes James' Original. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

WALLACE W. 'COUSINS	*Treble*	†NORMAN V. HARDING	4
*CECIL V. EBBERSON	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	5
†ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 300th peal. † First Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on these recast bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*AUDREY BARKER	*Treble*	R. MARY DAVIES	4
†PETER J. WOODGYER	2	J. EDWARD LANKESTER	5
ELSIE LANKESTER	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DUFFY	*Treble*	ERNEST BRITTAIN	4
*FRANK TAYLOR	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
CYRIL WANDER	3	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal of Cambridge.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

MAURICE T. THURMOTT	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	RONALD H. BULLEN	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN	5-6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3-4	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	7-8
JOHN W. TAYLOR	9-10		

Composed by JAMES GROVES. Conducted by THOS. W. SHEPPARD.
First peal in the method as conductor.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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A warm friend of Middlesex ringers is the Rev. Percival Gough, M.A. The 20th anniversary of his induction as Rector of St. Mary's, Acton, was commemorated by a peal of Superlative on May 31st.

Mr. John H. Brothwell, of Treeton, Sheffield, whose membership of the Yorkshire Association dates back to 1893, rang in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Handsworth in honour of his 74th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis together completed Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus at Disley on May 29th. Mrs. Lewis rang her peals in the following order: Maximus, Royal, Major and Minor.

Woolwich Sunday service band have rung their first quarter since the war. It was an occasion in the Grove family, being the 17th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. Grove and the first quarter of his son, aged 15.

Over 50 members attended the Rochester district Kent C.A. meeting at Wrotham on June 5th, and had the satisfaction of seeing all the local ringers elected members and the Vicar and churchwardens hon. members of the Association.

News from the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild is of visits on June 12th to two towers of special interest—Kenn, where the bells have been rehung, and Exminster, where there is an augmentation to eight. Two excellent rings, was the general comment.

The belief that the quarter at Stoke Albany was the longest length there for 20 years is somewhat astray. A peal of Bob Minor was rung there on October 18th, 1930, for the Midland Counties Association, and two or three years later another band rang a peal, writes Mr. P. Amos. A quarter-peal was rung there in 1935.

On July 6th, Thomas Miller, for about 60 years a well-known ringer of the Midlands, will reach his 90th birthday. Tom is in fairly good health and should any old friends wish to communicate with him, his address is c/o St. Joseph's Homes, Queen's Park Road, Harborne, Birmingham 32.

The first anniversary of the casting of the tenor bell of St. Peter's, Macclesfield, was commemorated by 1,232 Double Norwich C.B. Major rung on May 21st by E. Seed 1, S. Hough 2, C. W. Lawton 3, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 4, F. Horsfield (first quarter D.N.) 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, W. Stevenson 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

Leckhampton (Glos.) has a doyen in Mr. F. Pratt, who has over 50 years' service at the church to his credit. His golden wedding on May 28th was celebrated by 1,260 Stedman Triples by W. Townsend 1, F. Pratt 2, G. Smith 3, D. Newcombe 4, T. Boreham 5, C. Richings 6, J. F. Ballinger (cond.) 7, A. Newman 8.

Congratulations to Mr. P. K. Williamson, of Coventry, on completing his 100 peals. He first handled a bell in July, 1944, rang his first handbell peal in the following March, and his first tower-bell peal in September, 1945. His list includes 11 of Stedman Cinques and 36 of Surprise. Mr. Williamson has rung under the auspices of 13 guilds or societies and in 20 different methods. He has called four peals.

Michael Collett, aged 14, of Burford, Oxon, who rang his first long touch 'inside' less than a year ago, now has five peals to his credit and is a spliced Triples ringer. His latest achievement is a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor, rung on June 13th by J. G. Collett (16) 1, M. C. F. Collett (14) 2, B. S. Nichols 3, B. J. Forest (18) 4, F. Soden 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Northamptonshire Bells

Dear Sir,—Readers will no doubt be told that the late Rev. E. S. Powell only gave approximate weights. I, for one, cannot understand how a 7 cwt. bell described as 15 cwt. can be regarded as approximate. Unfortunately the inventory is full of similar errors to that of Alderton. Here are a number of others:—

Culworth he describes as tenor 22½ cwt. and 50½in. A card in the belfry gives it 3ft. 3½in. and 12 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb., rehung 1931 (only seven years before the Rev. Powell's inventory was written). St. Peter's, Northampton, is described as in a metal frame; it is a wood frame.

Hannington he states as having three bells; there are only two. Abington is mentioned as having three bells not hung for ringing; they are hung for ringing with wheels, headstocks, stays and sliders, but at the moment have no ropes.

Piddington tenor is described as 13 cwt. Its weight given to me by Taylor's is 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. Whiston, also described as 13 cwt., is, according to Taylor's, 15 cwt. 4 lb., and a peal board in the belfry at the time Mr. Powell wrote his inventory gives this weight. Newnham tenor is stated to be 14½ cwt. and measuring 44in. Taylor's, who rehung these bells, give the weight of the tenor as 13 cwt. 1 lb. and 42½in. Ecton tenor is described as 41in. In the company of five others recently I measured it and made it 45½in.

Holcot is published as having four bells with a 5½ cwt. tenor measuring 31in. The bells are actually the first three of six with the fourth sounding the note of the tenor to six. The first three are chimed from levers and only the present fourth has a wheel. This is a 9½ cwt. bell; it is the third which measures 31in. and is 5½ cwt. So Mr. Powell has got that all wrong! A peculiarity in this tower is that the clock plays the Westminster chimes the same as it would on the second, third, fourth and seventh of eight. The hour is struck on the 4th. Rushden has the same chimes on six. Holcot is the only tower with four bells I know of like it. I dare say there are others, but, if so, they are very rare and they would have to be tuned the same as the four bells at Holcot. Besides the weights of tenors Mr. Powell has got the history of a number of bells wrong.

I can only assume that where Mr. Powell received no reply to his circular sent to all the towers, he copied the particulars given by the late Mr. North, which gives Alderton tenor as 15 cwt. and 44in. North's book, apart from being out of date, is full of errors, many of which I have proved. In some cases the diameter given has turned out to be the circumference round the waist, or taken over the bottom of the clapper and so on. P. AMOS.

Northampton.

THE CORS OF ALDBOURNE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Oliver E. Hill's letter, the Cor family held the Aldbourne foundry from 1694-1742 and there are bells by either Robert, William, Oliver or John in the counties of Gloucester, Wilts, Hants, Warwick, Berks, Oxford, but none in Somerset. Later proprietors of this foundry, the Wellses (1760-1826), extended the business, and their bells can still be found in Middlesex, Warwick, Somerset, Dorset and Glamorgan, as well as the counties covered by the Cors.

Mr. Hill is correct about the back six at Northleach, Glos., but I am doubtful about the tenor at Upper Slaughter.—Yours faithfully, E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun. (first quarter) 1, A. Grove 2, R. Johnson 3, T. H. Culver 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. Dann 6.

Ringing at the C.C. Meeting

Dear Sir, — Your comprehensive article re the business of the last Central Council meeting has enabled those who were not present to learn what transpired at this successful meeting. But there are three things, as I see it, which contribute generally to the success of these meetings, namely, ringing, social and business. The latter was certainly a success, but what of the former? Can it be said that the ringing arrangements could not have been improved upon?

I felt extremely sorry for those newcomers, and those visiting London from long distances for the first time, who found such a mean opportunity for ringing in a city with an almost unlimited number of towers which I feel sure could have been had for the asking. I am not referring to the peal arrangements, but ordinary social ringing such as is generally enjoyed by visiting members, but which on this occasion was a sad disappointment to at least 90 per cent. of the delegates.

I wonder what went wrong? Did the London societies refuse to co-operate, or was it a case of, their members having rung on all the London bells, it did not occur to them that visitors to the Metropolis would like to hear and ring on London bells?

Was there anything else behind the mind of Mr. Frank Perrens when he suggested that meeting in London every three years be reconsidered? And was Mr. Smallwood pulling a punch in his impressions by omitting mention of ringing arrangements?—Yours sincerely, CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

RECORDING—LIST WANTED

Dear Sir,—From time to time one hears of recordings being made of bells in towers in various parts of the country, Lavenham and more recently Grundisburgh being examples, and no doubt there are others further afield. Would it be possible for 'The Ringing World' to compile a list with maker's name of these recordings, as I am sure there are a great many ringers who would like to obtain a record of their favourite towers.—Yours faithfully, J. T. CORDER.

[NOTE.—We shall be pleased to publish any such list.—EDITOR.]

OBITUARY

MR. C. BELSEY.

Mr. C. Belsey, who was captain of the Rainham band for over 30 years and a member of the Kent County Association for 50 years, died on June 6th. He was 82 years of age and until recently was rarely absent from the tower during ringing. A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Belsey celebrated their diamond wedding. Mrs. Belsey, who survives, has been an hon. member of the Kent County Association for many years.

The funeral took place on June 10th at the Parish Church, the service being attended by the following members of the Kent County Association: W. J. Walker, T. Jull, Miss E. Walker, F. S. Macey, F. G. Southgate, G. A. Naylor and F. J. Cheal. Short touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled were rung, those taking part in the ringing including his two sons, Mr. R. W. Belsey (Headcorn) and Mr. L. V. Belsey.

ODDFELLOW RINGERS

Oddfellow ringers attending the M.U. conference at Margate joined the local ringers at practice on Tuesday, rang at Birchington on Wednesday, Ramsgate on Thursday and Quex Park on Friday. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were attempted with varying degrees of success.

To all who contributed to their enjoyment they express their best thanks.

St. David's Guild

ARCHBISHOP AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Despite the fact that the churches in the Guild lie in the counties of Pembroke, Carmarthen and Cardigan and that the average distance between each tower with a ring of bells is 20 miles, there was a good attendance at the third annual meeting at St. Peter's, Carmarthen (8, tenor 20 cwt.), on June 12th.

The Archbishop of Wales presided over the business meeting and gave a short address at the service, conducted by the Rural Dean, Canon Pugh. Tea was provided by St. Peter's band.

At the business meeting His Grace presented a handsome shield to the Guild on behalf of an anonymous friend of his who wanted to do what he could to encourage ringing. The shield is to be won each year in a competition held in May. This year the winners were Carmarthen, which band gave the best performance of five at Llandovery, with Mr. F. Sharpe as adjudicator. Mr. A. Hoare received the shield on behalf of the Guild.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, reported a balance in the general account of £18 to date, and £12 in the fund for bell and rope restoration grants. Membership stood at 111, of which 80 were ringers. Donations of one guinea each were voted to the J. W. Parker and the Swansea and Brecon War Memorial Funds.

Rule 5 was altered so that there shall now be probationary and full ringing members. The place of the next annual meeting will be St. David's Cathedral (mentioned in the Christmas Quiz—the bell tower 50 yards distant from the Cathedral), and the quarterly meeting will be held at Tenby in September.

Visitors from neighbouring guilds joined in ringing before and after the service, and methods ranged from 'rounds' to Cambridge Surprise.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The serious illness of a gentleman living close to the tower limited ringing at the branch meeting at Stratton. Later in the day opportunities to ring were provided at Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Frampton, Maiden Newton and Sydling.

Canon A. W. Markby (branch chairman) referred to the death of Mr. George R. Runyard, of Bradford Peverell, and members stood in silent respect to his memory. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Godley and tea was served in the Rectory garden.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

Over 40 members and friends attended at Beaminster on June 5th, when the Vicar (the Rev. A. Wheeler) conducted the service.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox (branch chairman) presided at the business meeting. Deep sympathy was expressed to Mr. C. H. Lathey (hon. secretary) in his recent bereavement. A double-handed course of Grandsire Cinques (the first ever, it is claimed, in Dorset) was rung by the Lyme Regis members. Meetings arranged were Powerstock, September 4th, and Symondsbury, October 23rd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The presence of the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz) and the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) at the branch annual meeting at Woodstock was encouraging. The annual report of the branch hon. secretary (Mr. H. C. Farmer) gave the membership as 145, compared with 138 in 1946. Branch officers were re-elected; Ducklington was selected for the autumn meeting and one life and 11 ringing members were elected. The sum of £1 1s. was voted to the J. W. Parker Memorial Fund. Canon H. Pickles, branch chairman, conducted the service.

Ladies' Guild at Acton

The annual meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild, held at Acton on June 5th, was very successful, 26 members attending The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Percival Gough, who gave the Guild a warm welcome on this their first visit.

Tea, at the kind invitation of the Rev. P. Gough, was held in the Rectory garden, over 40 members and friends being present.

At the business meeting the secretary reported steady progress during 1947, 15 new members being elected, making a total of 73 for the district. Meetings had been held at Beckenham, Gravesend and Isleworth, also joint meetings with the Middlesex Association at Hadley and the Surrey Association at Banstead. Six new members were elected: Mrs. Oatway (Croydon), Miss Daish (Camberwell), Miss Jean Gansirt (St. Albans), Miss Joyce Pett (Isleworth), Miss Sylvia Fidler and Mrs. Reed (Uxbridge).

Election of officers followed. Mrs. R. F. Deal was re-elected vice-president, Miss D. Lidbetter was elected secretary (in place of Mrs. Davis, who retired), Mrs. C. Matthews assistant secretary; committee as follows: Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Lock. Other business was disposed of and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality and to Mr. Lewis Cockey for making all necessary arrangements.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of methods up to London Surprise.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

To mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer at Thirsk Church by Mr. Jack Stott, the captain of the local band and Ringing Master of the Northern District, a meeting was held at Thirsk on May 29th. Jack received many congratulations during the day, and at the business meeting Mr. F. Tingle and Mr. H. Parrish, two of his oldest ringing friends, expressed the formal congratulations of the Association.

Later in the week Jack was presented with a silver-plated tankard by his fellow-ringers, the Bishop of Whitby making the presentation and referring to his loyal and devoted service.

Thirsk possesses a fine ring of eight with a tenor reputed to have come from Fountains Abbey at the Dissolution. The church is a fine example of the Perpendicular style of architecture and possesses a priest's lodging over the south porch.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual six-bell shield contest was held at Penistone on June 12th. The order of ringing and result were:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
Meltham	162	10	172
Liversedge ...	55	10	65
New Mill	98	10	108
Silkstone	70	0	70
Shelley	56	15	71
Sandal	92	10	102
Friezland	41	5	46

Friezland were declared the winners. Mr. W. Barton (Pudsey) and Mr. Chant (Felkirk) were the judges. Silkstone and Liversedge rang Plain Bob, the others rang Oxford Treble Bob.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

There was an attendance of 31 at the Northern District meeting at Stebbing. A letter was read from the District Master (Miss H. G. Snowdon) regretting her inability to attend as she was in hospital. The meeting sent their good wishes to her. Eleven new members were elected and Finchingfield was selected for the next meeting.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. Boylett) conducted the service and local ringers and their wives provided an excellent tea.

QUARTER PEALS

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 19th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Gibbs 1, Mrs. G. Watson 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, G. Watson 4, R. C. Noon 5, J. Skerritt 6, W. J. Whitmore 7, G. Care (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Care.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On May 23rd at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. Bullock 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, R. H. Begrie 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. A. Theobald 7, W. Hardy 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin on May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Gardner 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, A. Edge 3, C. Ward 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, W. Langley 7, J. Pearl 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss V. Hunwicke, who is secretary of this band.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 29th at St. Giles', 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Atterbury 1, Mrs. G. E. Watson 2, A. Gibbs 3, P. Jones 4, G. S. Valentine 5, E. Nobles 6, G. E. Watson 7, W. J. Dove 8, R. C. Noon 9, W. R. Hammons (first as cond.) 10. First of Royal for 2 and 3. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. Care.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral on May 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Richardson 1, D. T. Hills 2, R. E. Norris 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, V. A. Jarrett 5, R. Skinner 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, T. Beaumont 8, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 9, E. D. Sills 10. First of Grandsire Caters by 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX. — On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Howe (first in method) 1, F. Page 2, E. Marsh 3, R. C. Pridgeon 4, H. Stalham 5, F. Howe 6, M. O. Thomas (first as cond.) 7, T. Drinkwater 8.

STONESFIELD, OXON. — On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Franklin 1, Mrs. M. Hall 2, J. Keyte 3, A. Hopkins 4, H. Pratley (cond.) 5, F. Hall 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 6.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Keyte 1, Mrs. M. Hall 2, C. Franklin (first 'inside') 3, A. Hopkins 4, H. Pratley (cond.) 5, A. Franklin (first quarter, age 67) 6.

SMARDEN, KENT. — On May 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. King (first of Minor) 1, P. Reeves (first quarter) 2, R. Lancefield 3, H. Baker 4, W. Marshall 5, M. Marshall (first as conductor) 6.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Medland (first quarter) 1, Miss P. C. Kitchen 2, Mrs. H. Hawthorne (first 'inside') 3, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Kitchen 5, H. G. Andrews 6.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. Shouler 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, O. Warren 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5. First quarter in four methods for 2, 3 and 4.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Tranter 1, W. Powell 2, T. Hill 3, H. Howell 4, W. R. Hughes 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, C. W. Hughes (cond.) 7, W. Walker 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On May 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): R. Tomlinson 1, T. Flint (first quarter) 2, T. R. Flint 3, A. Hill 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's on May 16th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Miss V. E. Dupree (first quarter) 1, H. Cox 2, T. Miller 3, Miss K. M. H. Branson 4, J. Lott (first in method) 5, E. V. Blake (cond.) 6. First quarter treble. First in the method 5th.

WITNEY, OXON. — On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Old Doubles, Norfolk, April Day and Plain Bob and 120 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Fortune and 60 of Grandsire): A. W. Cox 1, E. Hale 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, J. Coggins 4, G. H. Wright (first as cond.) 5, E. Warner 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First 'inside' in seven methods for 2 and 3.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Bell and wheel complete weighing approximately 4 cwt. Pitch 'F.'—Cemetery Superintendent, Park Lane, Kidderminster. 3715

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—If you have still to book we can accommodate you up to July 10th and from September 4th. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 3666

MISCELLANEOUS

Ringers visiting Scarborough, Robin Hood's Bay or Whitby districts between July 24th and August 7th desiring ringing or peal attempts please write to Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, or S. Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester. 3725

ALCESTER, Warwickshire (8 bells).—Practice night, Thursday, 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors welcome. 3717

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Mr. A. E. Reeves has now removed to Manchester. Hon. Sec. is Mr. C. A. Barron, 15, Claremont Hill, Shrewsbury, to whom all communications may be sent. 3722

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

Ready June 26th.—370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS, containing all named methods ever rung or published. 2s. post free. — A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 3678

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Dover, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3645

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Winslow, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Bray, June 26th, 3.15.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3689

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Wetherby on June 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Reports available and subscriptions are now due.—William Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3667

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30. Lunch at 1.15 (3s.); tea arranged. Service 6 p.m.; preacher, Bishop of Colchester.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. Phone 3316. 3721

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival Meeting. — Dorking, June 26th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30. Ranmore tower under repair and bells probably not open.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 3692

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon District Branch.—Meeting at Alcester (8) on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Holly Bush at 5 p.m.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3685

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 3708

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District. —Meeting at Grayshott, Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Tea for those who send names by June 28th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3673

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, July 3rd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7. St. Mary's and St. Michael's also available. Tea (to members 1s. 9d., to others 2s. 3d.) in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by general meeting. Please send word by Tuesday, June 29th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. 3681

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Thame, July 3rd, 2.45. Service 4. Tea, Spread Eagle Hotel, 2s. each, for those notifying before June 30th.—H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame. 3691

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark Branch.—Meeting, Whatton-in-the-Vale (6), July 3rd, 3 p.m. Frequent buses from Bingham. Notify me for tea by Tuesday, June 29th.—J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 3697

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —Annual meeting and six-bell contest at Marsden, Huddersfield, on Saturday, July 3rd. NOTE: Mixed bands may enter this contest. Draw 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. V. Shaw, 5, Bankfield, Marsden, before June 25th. Team entries to reach me for June 30th.—S. Manchester, 16, Green Street, Meltham, Huddersfield. 3695

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at North Weald (6) on Saturday, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bus service from Epping at 4 and 34 minutes past the hour. Train by Central London Line to Woodford and then half-hourly service.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3677

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church 4.30; tea 5.15 for those only who notify Mr. A. Morris, 50, School Road, Shirley, near Birmingham, not later than Wednesday, June 30th. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3709

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Branch) & DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch). —Joint meeting, Milverton, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Wiveliscombe bells after tea. Numbers for tea early to A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3699

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Clifton, Notts, Saturday, July 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea by June 29th to Mr. T. V. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. 3703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Lakenheath, Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 30th.—D. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3702

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Marchington, Saturday, July 3rd. Cups of tea, bring own food. Train departs from Stoke 2.8 p.m.; Marchington 6.28 and 8.50 p.m.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3710

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 3rd, Selston (6). Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food. This is an open day on the invitation of Selston ringers. Service 4.30, including dedication of peal board. 3723

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting at Andover, Saturday, July 3rd. Committee 11 a.m. General meeting 2. Service 4.15. Meat tea 5.15. Bells available Andover (8), Goodworth Clatford (6), Longparish (6), Abbotts Ann (5), 11 till 1.30 and after tea. Tea only for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Valley, Andover, by Thursday, July 1st.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3716

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Aldenham (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3712

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Lowestoft on July 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Seaman's Club, Battery Green. Business after. Notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 3701

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — South Anston, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring food. Norton meeting postponed.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 3718

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (8), July 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 3714

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp, 3 p.m., July 3rd. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 3719

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury, Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Monday, June 28th.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 5, Canon Square, Melksham. 3724

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton, July 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3729

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Next meeting at Ansdell on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 3738

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Names for tea to Secretary, 16, Scale Hall Lane, Lancaster. 3740

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brownedge R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3739

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Brampton Ash (6), July 3rd. Other bells available. For tea notify G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Northants. 3730

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Burbage, July 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Co-op Hall, 5. Notify F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, by June 29th. No name no tea.—W. A. Wood, Sec. 3735

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer Festival at Kempston on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. —F. J. Plummer, Secretary, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard. 3732

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Cosgrove, Saturday, July 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea direct to Mr. E. C. Lambert, Cosgrove, Bletchley. 3733

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, London, S.E., on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. N. Bagworth, 5a, Clandon Terrace, Kingston Road, S.W.20, by June 30th. St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells available at 7 p.m.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3737

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — July 3rd. Ringing, Christ Church with St. John's, City. Usual arrangements. Tea, St. Michael's Parish Hall. —C. H. Wood, Branch Secretary. 3743

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Liverpool and Wigan Branches at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in schools. Business meetings for each branch. Names for tea to J. Lunham, Primrose Cottages, Liverpool Road, Aughton. 3744

BEDFORD ST. PETER'S. — The two new trebles by Taylor's to complete the octave will be dedicated on Sunday, July 4th, at 3 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Bedford. All ringers welcome.—C. E. Jeffries. 3726

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Banbury (10), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify before July 6th E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 3711

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — An extraordinary meeting will be held Saturday, July 10th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells (13) available 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. 3713

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 10th, at Lindfield. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea, Cuckfield, 4.15. Bells after tea. Names by July 3rd, please.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn (8), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. and N. Divisions.—Joint meeting at Great Tey on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free to all ringers who notify Mr. J. W. Dyer, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester, not later than Wednesday, 7th.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 3734

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Buckland St. Mary (6), July 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by July 6th. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 3741

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, July 10th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, July 3rd, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, Rugby. 3742

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 17th. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher, Rev. Canon H. Pickles, Rural Dean of Woodstock). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30. p.m.; tickets 5s. Applications, accompanied by remittance, to secretary not later than July 6th. Ringing: Cathedral (12); Colleges, New (10), Magdalen (10), Merton (8); Churches, St. Ebbe's (8), St. Giles' (8), Holywell (6), Carfax (6), St. Aldate's (6), St. Thomas' (6), Iffley (6). To make our beautiful service even more impressive, would choristers please bring their cassocks and surplices and proceed to vestry at 10.45 a.m. — William Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 3674

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Rededication of St. Andrew's bells after restoration, Saturday, July 24th. Service 7.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Bells available from 3 p.m. onwards. All ringers welcome. — G. Ditton, Hon. Sec., 36, St. Andrew Street. 3709

QUARTER PEALS

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET. — On May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rawles 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, I. J. Read 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, V. J. Farthing 5, J. W. Drew (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 3.

BENENDEN, KENT. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Jarvis 1, Lucy Moor (first in method) 2, J. O. Santer (cond.) 3, Ruth Leney 4, M. S. Cloke 5, S. G. Waters 6, F. Hicks 7, R. Johnstone (first in method) 8.

BRISTOL.—On May 27th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, 1,248 London Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Miss A. Brown 2, Miss B. Jordan 3, T. Harris 4, E. J. Brown (cond.) 5, A. E. Reeves 6, W. Parker 7, R. C. Seager 8. First of London by all except 5 and 6.

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'SYMBOLS'

'SENTINELS of England' might well describe the church towers and steeples at our great ports. They are indeed a visible sign of man's aspiration after God and many a traveller has rejoiced to hear the bells telling the simple message in that unmistakable English fashion associated with change ringing. Of these great churches of our docks an honoured position was held by St. Mary's, Southampton. Its destruction during an air raid in November, 1940, was a calamity; it was left a ruin amid surrounding desolation.

This tower was one of many great losses to the country and also to the Exercise. Ringers throughout the country held St. Mary's in warm affection not on account of antiquity, as the original ring of eight cast by J. Taylor and Co. was only dedicated in 1914, just before the outbreak of the first world war, the tenor being 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. in E flat. In 1934 two trebles were added, and the privilege of ringing a peal at St. Mary's was, in those days, highly treasured.

These bells have been restored and rededicated for the use of the church. The weight of the tenor is now 21½ cwt. in E flat, and the ringers present at the ceremony testified to the fine tone of the ring. The louvres have been bricked up nearly to the top, and this has made a marked difference to the volume of sound within the precincts of the tower. The ringing chamber has also been improved by an additional floor between bells and ringers. Of interest to ringers is the fact that the first step in the rebuilding of this church was the restoration of the bells. They are thus able to give 'a stirring symbol of recovery begun,' to use the words of the Bishop of Winchester read at the service.

In the big rebuilding programme before both the Church and the State, the same vision as Southampton has displayed is needed. The placing of bells in the honoured position of 'symbols of recovery' ought well be followed in other centres where circumstances permit. But there must be men and women to sound the symbols. While St. Mary's, Southampton, bells have been silent for eight years, the art has been kept alive at St. Michael's, where keen and progressive ringers have regularly assembled. London, with its big programme ahead, needs its St. Michaels. There is much spade work needed in the Metropolis in the training of bands. The harvest indeed is great but . . .

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

MRS. SYLVIA E. PIPE	*Treble*	*LEONARD H. BOWLER	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	CECIL W. PIPE	8
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	FRANK E. DARBY	10
*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5	JAMES BULLOCK	11
CECIL G. MATTHEWS	6	*FRANK HOPGOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.
* First peal on twelve bells. In memoriam Thos. Groombridge, jun.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	*WALTER ALLMAN	7
FREDK. W. STOKES	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	8
*ALAN A. POTTS	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
H. LESLIE PASK	4	JOHN WORTH	10
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	JOHN WALDEN	11
JOHN E. BIBBY	6	ARCHER T. LOWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Cinques. The conductor's 250th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	†GIRLING RIGBY	6
†GEORGE H. CLIFT	2	†DENNIS R. CARLISLE	7
*WILLIAM LANCASTER	3	‡FRANCIS R. LOWE	8
HAROLD KENT	4	WILFRED H. BUXTON	9
PHILIP L. PARROTT	5	WILLIAM A. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Royal. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	3	HENRY H. FEARN	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
HERBERT C. SPENCER	5	JOHN S. MASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	*ARTHUR D. COOK	6
JOHN PINFOLD	2	LEONARD TUFFREY	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	†PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
*JOHN S. WALTON	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 100th peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., June 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

NOREEN BRAIN	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	GORDON HARRISON	7
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	SYDNEY H. JONES	8
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	4	GEORGE L. RODEN	9
JOSEPH W. COTTON	5	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day as a birthday peal for the conductor.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK SEAGER	*Treble*	ERNEST A. THORPE	*6
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	*GORDON BENFIELD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	ARTHUR FIRTH	9
ALFRED SMITH	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PACKER	6
JAMES FERNLEY	2	CHARLES W. LAWTON	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	JOHN WORTH	8
ALAN A. POTTS	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 31¼ cwt.

*WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
*MARGARET L. TUTT	2	*NEIL I. ALLNATT	7
†JOHN THOMAS	3	*ALBERT DISERENS	8
*WILLIAM C. PORTER	4	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	9
*H. PETER RAYNOR	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Treble Bob Royal on tower bells. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Wed., June 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK WILLS	*Treble*	*CLIFFORD J. HOSGOOD	5
EDWARD W. BIFFIN	2	*WILLIAM H. FAIRCHILD	6
*CHARLIE P. YATES	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
HORACE J. BUTT	4	WILLIAM A. WILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the bells, also as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. J. P. Henton.

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QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
ALFRED SMITH	2	GORDON BENFIELD	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
HARRY DAVISON	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the conductor's first peal for the Association. Fastest peal on the bells. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH SAXTON	*Treble*	JOHN W. SYKES	5
WALTER ALLWOOD	2	*CYRIL WRIGHT	6
STANLEY SLANEY	3	*GORDON C. BRIGGS	7
*HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	4	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
CHARLES THORLEY	2	JAMES MCCLUSKEY	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	ERNEST J. PAGETT	7
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
First peal as conductor, age 17. Tenor 10 cwt.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
*MISS F. A. RAYBOULD	2	JOHN M. LINDON	6
JOHN GOODMAN	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
HAROLD J. SHUCK	4	FREDERICK HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.
* First peal of Stedman. In memoriam W. A. Jeavons, ringer at Coseley for 66 years, also Mrs. A. Baker, wife of one of the local band, and to Mr. George F. Swann.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM SMITH	5
HERBERT GOAKES	2	†LAWRENCE HADMAN	6
GEORGE BUSH	3	FRANCIS NEWMAN	7
*DEREK SANDERSON	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. In honour of the birth of a son to the Vicar, Rev. P. W. Dorman, and Mrs. Dorman.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON	2	C. JACK GIBSON	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
CYRIL J. BARBER	4	WILLIAM J. FLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	ERIC B. HARTLEY	5
PATRICIA HOLMES	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
FRANCIS KIRK	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by Y. GREEN. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress Lodge, No. 4120	*Treble*
BRO. FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS, Justice Lodge, No. 4632	2
BRO. JOHN BOOTH, Standish Lodge, No. 4955	3
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge, No. 5657	4
BRO. JAMES W. GROUNDS, Standish Lodge, No. 4955	5
W.BRO. EDWIN C. BIRKETT, Thermopylæ Lodge, No. 4386	6
W.BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Minerva Lodge, No. 4002	7
BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star Lodge, No. 3644	*Tenor*

Conducted by WOR. BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER.
In memoriam Bro. Herbert Ludkin, Abbey Lodge, No. 3778.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	GEORGE CASE	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	†LESLIE BARRY	6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	3	WILLIAM COX	7
*WILLIAM SIDWELL	4	HARRY NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	*HAROLD PARKINSON	5
ALBERT MILLS	2	*MISS BETTY MORELAND	6
A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	3	ERIC BRUNTON	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

STEPNEY, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX	*Treble*	†ALBERT T. BOOMSMA	5
*BERTRAM W. BRIGHTY	2	†JOSEPH H. BOOMSMA	6
*GEORGE J. BOOMSMA	3	‡LEONARD J. FOX	7
RICHARD F. DEAL	4	JACK A. WAUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LEONARD J. FOX.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Bob Major on tower bells. First in the method as conductor.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*GEORGE LODGE	*Treble*	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	5
FREDK. E. COLLINS	2	JAMES W. KNIGHT	6
ROYDON DAVIES	3	DANIEL D. COOPER	7
CLAUD PARKS	4	FREDK. W. WICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.
* First peal. A 60th birthday compliment to F. W. Wicks, and also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb.

PETER C. WRIGHT	*Treble*	H. PETER RAYNOR	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
JAMES HIGGINS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Arthur W. Ward	*Treble*	R. Cecil Blakey	5
*C. Thomas Samuel	2	*L. Bernard Box	6
Clarence F. Briggs	3	George W. Creasey	7
Cecil H. Jallands	4	*Walter Pacey	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Creasey.
* First peal. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled' the tower.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Arthur D. Cook	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
*J. W. Frank Trotman	2	John Pinfold	6
*Paul K. Williamson	3	Leonard Trevor	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal of London. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Forty-two course regular Six-part No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

Arthur J. E. Smalls	*Treble*	Albert M. Houghton	5
Clifford Bird	2	Nolan Golden	6
Leslie W. Houghton	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
Ernest G. Shorting	4	George Sayer	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Elizabeth Faulknall	*Treble*	*Alan Cattell	5
*Dorothy Udale	2	Shirley Burton	6
*Kathleen Tilley	3	Herrick B. Bowley	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Morris Thomas	*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Raymond Overy	6
Alfred W. Bond	3	*Raymond Wood	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Frederick Page	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Frank Bennett.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

*William G. Hollands	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	5
Francis J. Cheal	2	Victor A. Jarrett	6
Fred K. S. Macey	3	George A. Naylor	7
Eric Naylor	4	Fredk. G. Strivens	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal away from the tenor. In memoriam Charley Delsey, captain at Rainham tower for over 30 years.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF REVERSE PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Chas. H. Moore	*Treble*	Arthur G. Bason	5
F. Charles Goodman	2	William Clover	6
Nolan Golden	3	Arthur J. E. Smalls	7
Henry Tooke	4	George Sayer	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method by all, by the Association and on the bells. Sixth's place bobs used.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

Alan J. Brown	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Alan A. Potts	2	David Vincent	6
Wilfred J. Stevenson	3	John Worth	7
James Fernley	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Sam Scattergood	*Treble*	†Derek Davies	5
Dennis Parsons	2	†Frank Robey	6
John W. Sykes	3	Walter Allwood	7
Cyril Wright	4	Gordon C. Briggs	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. Williams. Conducted by Gordon C. Briggs.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Arthur S. Richards	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
*Cyril E. Lanxon	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy	6
Frederick A. Coley	3	Philip A. Corby	7
James Bennett	4	Fredk. J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Geoffrey V. Murphy.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 250th peal and first of Surprise as conductor. Tenor 15 cwt.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Marion L. Lidgey	*Treble*	*E. Vivyan Williams	5
Geoffrey W. Taysom	2	*W. J. Sanders	6
Joan E. Withey	3	Harry Miles	7
*Alan Carveth	4	Percy R. C. Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Miles.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples in the county by a band of resident ringers.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Bertie A. Cornell	*Treble*	Charles F. Sayer	5
Cyril E. Lanxon	2	*Thomas J. Southam	6
Denis A. Bayles	3	Charles W. Roberts	7
Alick Cutler	4	*William J. Arnold	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Wm. J. Arnold.
* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Major as conductor.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Howard Howell	*Treble*	J. Dennis Holden	5
Albert D. Collins	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Alan F. Thirst	7
Clifford A. Barron	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Pritchard.
First peal in the method in the county, by all the band and for the Association. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Frederick A. Coley	*Treble*	Alan White	5
Arthur S. Richards	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy	6
Leonard H. Bowler	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Maurice Hodgson	4	Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
Rung for the wedding of Edward Reed Coleman and Lavinia Hilda Aldridge, formerly secretary of St. Mary's ringers. Tenor 13 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2 extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 3 extents of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... ...*Treble*	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 4
ROBERT COX 2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 5
GIRLING RIGBY 3	CHARLES GEARY ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.

In memoriam W. Richardson Drage, a member of the local band for 44 years.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. PICKERING ... ...*Treble*	J. GERRARD RAWSON ... 4
J. H. PRICE 2	*G. LINDLEY 5
H. G. DWELLY 3	H. SWAIN ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. SWAIN.

* First peal. For the silver wedding of the ringer of the 4th and Mrs. Rawson.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
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 10½ cwt.

HERBERT COOPER ... ...*Treble*	R. B. SMITH (71) 4
THOS. WM. TUNE 2	JACK WAUD 5
J. J. TAYLOR 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

In memoriam 1st Officer Palmer Powls, M.M., U.S.A., and A. B. Cyril Powls, R.N.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 6 six-scores of April Day, 15 of Plain Bob, 16 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 6 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HAROLD C. GOODCHAP *Treble*	THOMAS COOPER 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 2	FREDERICK MERRICK ... 5
KITCHENER H. HILL ... 3	JAMES H. GUILLIAM ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Double Court, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...*Treble*	ARTHUR EDWARDS 4
SYDNEY R. LINNETT ... 2	SIDNEY C. EASTER 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 3	ARTHUR HUBBLE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

First peal as conductor.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Spliced Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (2) Spliced College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (3) Spliced Wragby and St. Alban's Delight; (4) Spliced Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (5) Spliced Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (6) Spliced Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4
ARTHUR HIBBERT 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 5
ERIC SIMPSON 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal in 17 methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

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A limited number of back numbers of most issues in 1947 and 1948 are available on application, post free 4d.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe rang their 100th peal together at Southwark Cathedral on June 5th.

If Mr. Kinch, of Letchworth. Herts, will write to Mr. W. Copperwheat, 16. Beech Hill, Raunds, giving a legible address. he will receive a reply to his letter.

A letter from Christchurch, New Zealand, Bellringers' Society expresses regret at the death of Mr. George Swann, and through 'The Ringing World' they desire to express their deepest sympathy with relatives and friends.

A stained glass window has been dedicated at Eastrington, Yorks, to the memory of two local ringers who lost their lives in the late war –1st Officer Palmer Powls, M.M., U.S.A., and A.B. Cyril Powls, R.N. A commemorative peal is recorded in this issue.

A golden wedding quarter of Bob Minor was rung at Standon, Herts, on June 5th, to Mr. Arthur Dennis, who for 30 years was a regular ringer at this tower. He came from Silverton, Devon, and enquires whether ringing still takes place in his old tower. Ringers were R. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, T. Chapman 3, R. Stacey 4, S. Smith 5, H. Groom (conductor, first of Minor) 6.

Birmingham ringers have been specialising in lantern talks. In one week Mr. J. F. Harvey, Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. A. Walker gave talks and had a team with them to give handbell demonstrations. The enquiries that followed Mr. Fearn's talk at Lapworth suggests that local people will do something to improve their bells.

The Chester Guild band that rang Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Macclesfield scored their peal without previous practice.

Mr. Robert J. Lawrence, of Bratton, Wilts, sails for Ontario, Canada, in July. He rang his farewell peal at Bratton, where he learnt to ring under the tuition of Mr. W. J. Chapman, of Wyke Regis.

By arrangement with Mr. E. C. Shepherd, remaining copies of the pamphlet, 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters,' are being sold (1s. net) with Central Council publications. Apply Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

The good wishes of many friends are extended to Mr. P. A. Corby and his party of about 20 ringers in their Devon tour, which starts to-morrow. Buckfastleigh is to be the headquarters. The week is to be devoted to peal attempts in Surprise methods.

Owing to advancing years, Mr. J. Good, who has been steeplekeeper at Rickmansworth for about 50 years, is retiring shortly. Mr. F. W. Elliott, of 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, invites those who have been associated with this tower for meetings or peals to join the local band in a testimonial to Mr. Good.

The wedding of Miss L. H. Aldridge, daughter of Mr. B. W. Aldridge, many years towerkeeper at Woolwich, was performed on June 12th by the Bishop of Croydon, a friend of the family, sometime Rector of Woolwich and lately Provost of Southwark. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Woolwich immediately following the service.

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DEDICATION OF BELLS IN RUINED CHURCH.

I witnessed from the belfry window the dedication ceremony of the first ring of bells in this country to be restored after being brought down by enemy action. It was the first stage in the restoration of the burnt out Church of St. Mary, Southampton, when the ten bells, recast by John Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Assistant Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev. Bishop Lang, in the presence of Bishop Lovatt, who was Rector when the original ring was installed in 1914.

The service was preceded by a procession of clergy, choir, ringers and other church workers, headed by the children from the Sunday Schools, marching from the deanery to the church. Then there was the moving sight of the crowds filling to capacity the great ruined church, and in the chancel the robed clergy and mixed choirs, the Southampton Police Band, the Bishop standing in front of the damaged stone altar, the crowds outside the church, exceeding the number inside, listening to the service through loud speakers.

After the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' the Rector, Canon Spencer Leeson, read a message from the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Mervyn Haigh, who, after regretting his absence through duties in connection with the Lambeth Conference, congratulated all concerned on the completion of the first stage in the restoration. He wrote, 'The sound of St. Mary's bells will indeed be a stirring symbol of recovery begun and will seem like a herald of yet fuller recovery to be.'

'Many dangers still menace us. But the sound of St. Mary's bells ringing over the old town will assuredly quicken pulses and strengthen the resolve of the men and women of Southampton. If the bells draw more of us to lift up our hearts in thanksgiving and prayer to God and to join in public worship, then, come what may, we shall be given more of that faith which triumphs over difficulty and makes the worst things material for the shaping of the best.'

Bishop Lang, in his address, said it was a memorable occasion for all of them, and an occasion of thanksgiving throughout the diocese. For the first time in eight years the bells were to ring out across the town and over Southampton Water. The bells would sound out a message of hope and love, and they would all feel the strengthening of their spirits.

After the closing hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Bishop dedicated the bells and pronounced the Blessing. And then, what has been described as 'a tremendous climax to a memorable service,' the eight years' silence was broken by the ringing of rounds by the local band, 'echoing through the hushed ruins and crashing away into the sunshine over Southampton.' And what a thrill to see those hundreds of faces all upturned towards the belfry.

The Rector told the company of 80 ringers and friends at tea, when he thanked the local captain, Mr. J. W. Faithfull, for his untiring efforts, 'It is a great day.' Only those who have known of the eagerness that has been generated and the obstacles surmounted before the completion of the work can fully realise the significance of those remarks, 'It is a great day.' C. H. K.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

At the Gloucester Branch meeting, held at Brockworth on June 12th, Mr. W. H. Harris, who had been branch secretary for 25 years up to December, 1947, was presented with a fountain pen and a cheque. This was to mark the members' appreciation of so long a period of service. The presentation was made by Mr. S. Romans, a past Master and vice-president of the Association, who referred to Mr. Harris' good services to the branch. Mr. Harris suitably responded and thanked members for their gesture.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPERLATIVE DETHRONED

Dear Sir,—Before rushing into print with detestable puns and elephantine facetiæ, which certainly are no compliment to the intelligence of your readers, your correspondents should have read the article they set out to answer. I am not in search for any alternative to Superlative; on the contrary, I pointed out the impossibility of even considering an alternative name for the method.

Moreover, I am by no means the first to comment on its dethronement. There was a remark to that effect by the late J. A. Trollope in your columns about the end of 1939 which passed unnoticed by the champions of the method, and I have heard a number of ringers in the very first flight deprecate what is virtually a seven-pull dodge occurring four times in every course. I remember well, in the first peal I ever rang in the method, being disconcerted by another defect — the incongruous combinations of bells in the long dodges —particularly 4-5, which to my ear is a highly unmelodious association, and it is an unavoidable one. Even in the plain course the incomparable 6-4 music of the second lead is at once followed by 6-7's — another unfortunate dodging combination, and in the third lead the 6-7's are linked to 5-7's as well.

The peal analysis says much more than any individual ringer can about the relegation of superlative. Not alone were there more than twice as many peals of Cambridge as Superlative rung in 1946—the method only barely maintained second place among Major Surprises, and it looks as if in the 1947 analysis Yorkshire will be promoted at the expense of the former queen.

Superlative is deservedly a favourite method among ringers, and one that we all enjoy ringing, but it acquired its reputation—it is not too much to say it was venerated—in days when there were only Cambridge and London to compare it with. The advent of many more competitors has ousted it from the commanding position it once held, and, however we may deplore that fact, it is indisputable.—Yours faithfully, A. J. CORRIGAN.

Bitton, near Bristol.

RINGING AT COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in a recent 'Ringing World' Cecil W. Pipe's letter, and I would respectfully remind him that there is not unlimited opportunities for ringing in London owing to damage by enemy action.

How much truth there is in Cecil W. Pipe's assertions I have no knowledge, but I do know that those members of the Central Council who were good enough to 'look in' at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, for Sunday service ringing and again on the following Tuesday evening for practice were most cordially welcome, and if and when they are in London again we shall be very pleased to see them.—Yours faithfully, R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.17.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Three ringers made the journey from Leatherhead to attend the Winchester District meeting at Ropley on June 19th. There was a small attendance.

The Rev. P. Were, who conducted the service, presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. J. A. C. King agreed to continue as long as possible as secretary and then to hand over the office to district representatives.

Messrs. A. A. S. Russel, R. Matthews and R. Guy (Tichborne) were elected members, and Barton Stacey was selected for the next meeting on September 11th. Members were invited to the dedication of Tichborne bells on the following evening.

Visitors to Devon may be interested to know that practices at Exeter Cathedral are fixed for the third Saturday in the month at 6 to 8 p.m.

THE CORS OF ALDBOURNE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. O. E. Hill regarding the above founders, I am unable to trace many bells during the period the Cors operated the Aldbourne foundry (1696-1713). The 2nd at Bromham, Wilts, was cast by William and Robert Cor in 1706, and the treble at Rowde in the same county is also by these joint founders in the same year. At Barton Stacey, Hants, there remain four bells out of an old ring of five all dated 1725, which came from these little known founders. Regarding handbells the position is different, for these pass into various hands without any records being taken. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

HAMPSHIRE RECORDS

Dear Sir,—With reference to a correspondent's query re Cor, of Aldbourne, this founder is known in this area and four of his bells can be found at Barton Stacey, Hants, in 2, 4, 5 and 6, which bear the inscriptions as follows:—

2. Cor of Aldbourne, 1725.
3. N. C. Wingworth gave five guineas. Cor of Aldbourne, 1725.
5. Martin Wright, Esquire, gave ten guineas. Cor of Aldbourne, 1725.
6. Nicholas Elliott and John Edwards, C.W.O. Cor, 1725.

The earliest known bell in Hampshire from this foundry is dated 1693. Cor was apparently succeeded by R. Wells, also of Aldbourne, whose bells are dated around 1800. Hungerford, Berks (3-8) has six by this founder dated 1816.

A still earlier founder whose bells appear in Hampshire and is apparently unknown leaves only his initials, 'R.B.' The 4th at Bishopstoke, dated 1589, and the 4th at Bosham, Sussex, dated 1572, are examples of his craft. Can we have some light on him, please? Another early founder is also found at Hursley, Hants, 6 and 7, dated 1616, bearing initials only 'I.W.,' and again at Owslebury, Hants, 5th, 1622, and 6th, 1619, again identity hidden behind initials. JOHN A. HILL.

Andover, Hants.

A NEW SURREY SIX

A new ring of six (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat) was dedicated at Send on June 16th by Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird. The three original bells (two Richard Phelps 1711 and the tenor Thomas Mears 1803) were recast and three more added, giving total weight of 39 cwt. 12 lb. They have been rehung with new fittings and framework by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., and a chiming apparatus added. The total cost of the scheme was £1,050. The bells are a thankoffering for victory and to the memory of those who died in the wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. The second bell is inscribed 'In memory of F/O Robert Philip Dixon, R.A.F., killed whilst flying near Silloth, Cumberland, 13th Nov., 1943.'

The opening touch on the bells was rung by C. E. Smith, A. E. Harman, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover, W. Loader and A. Walker. Ringers from a wide radius attended the service and favourably commented on the bells. Mr. B. Newson represented the foundry.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Five-bell tower members much appreciated the meeting at Reedham on June 12th, when 35 members were present. Mr. G. W. Fletcher (chairman) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. J. St. Heard (president), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary) and Mr. J. Harwood (branch secretary).

Mr. Albert Bradshaw and Mr. George Foster, of Halvergate, were made members of the Association. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Idris Jones, and tea was served on the lawn of the Rectory, arrangements being made by the Rector and Mr. F. Burgess.

The next meeting will be at Norton Subcourse on September 4th.

Outings

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION'S TOUR.

Last year's most successful experiment of arranging a long-distance outing was repeated on June 5th with great success.

Leaving Mancroft at 7.30 a.m., and avoiding the usual cats, dogs and cyclists, good time was made as far as Cambridge, where there was a short wait due to a minor breakdown. St. Neots was reached a little behind time, and Double Norwich Bob Major enjoyed on this fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.).

Then to Eaton Socon, whose church, burnt in 1930, was magnificently restored with the gifts and goodwill of many people in 1932. A delightful eight here, tenor 14 cwt., recast by Taylor, 1932. The next tower was Cardington, with a fine eight, tenor 21 cwt., also a memorial vividly recalling the R101 disaster of October 5th, 1930, when 49 lost their lives. With the bells ringing, the organ playing and a girl rubbing a fine brass in the chancel, one felt the church was being well used.

At St. Albans some rang Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's and others attended a beautifully sung Evensong at the Cathedral. After a good tea at the Waterend Barn Restaurant came a long climb to the ringing chamber at the Cathedral. This might be described in Frank Smythe's mountaineering language thus: 'First we negotiated a high and gradually narrowing chimney, then after a disappointing traverse to a dead end, we discovered another traverse higher up. After a fairly easy run along a narrow ledge, a considerably narrower chimney eventually brought us to a short ledge where lay Camp Five, our objective.' Beams in the ringing chamber added to the fun of picking out the ropes.

Later there was ringing at Hatfield (fine 10, tenor 23¼ cwt.) and All Saints', Hertford (another good 10, tenor 26 cwt.) and Bengeo (8, tenor 7¼ cwt.). We arrived home at 2 a.m. tired, but extremely grateful to Nolan Golden, our organiser, and to the various kind friends en route. A.G.G.T.

ST. MARY'S, EALING.

St. Peter's, St. Albans (where an hour's ringing was much enjoyed), St. Mary's, Woburn, All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, and North Church, Berkhamsted, were included in the itinerary of Ealing St. Mary's outing, which proved a great success.

ELY VISIT SUFFOLK.

Ely ringers for their outing visited the following Suffolk towers: Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury (for lunch and ringing at St. Gregory's and All Saints'), Lavenham, Horringer and Mildenhall. Methods up to Cambridge were very much enjoyed.

STREATHAM AND MITCHAM.

The third combined annual pilgrimage of St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, was through Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Bucks on June 12th. Stops were made at Henley, Abingdon, Oxford, Thame and Amersham for ringing and meals. Six old members and their wives joined the party. Regret was expressed that Mr. E. Bish, who is on a bed of sickness, and his wife were unable to make the journey.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.

Ringers from several towers in Sussex joined the Felpham ringers in what is hoped was the first of many outings.

After some indifferent Grandsire and Bob Minor at West Grinstead, the party was completed at Horsham by Messrs. Sippetts, Stilwell and Woods, and a marked improvement resulted in ringing at Dorking, Ewell and Shere, where all grades of ringers were well looked after by Peter Wood.

A pleasant supper party at Shere capped the day, and reluctantly the party turned homewards, but not before the organiser, Miss E. Lonnen, was thanked for arranging such an enjoyable outing.

Surprise Handbook

No advanced or progressive ringer can afford to be without '370 Surprise Major Methods,' collected by Andrew J. Corrigan. Nothing like it has been previously published and it is a model of compactness and careful planning.

Some 240 of the names of methods in the Table of Surprise Major Methods are those in the collection prepared in 1935 for the Methods Committee of the Central Council by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Interest in this work has been very wide, and Mr. Corrigan acknowledges contributions to the present series from Messrs. E. A. Barnett, H. G. Cashmore, Nolan Golden, F. C. W. Knight, Ernest Morris, A. J. Pitman, G. E. Plater, E. W. Tipler, W. W. Wolstencroft and G. F. Woodhouse.

The problem of alternative names had to be faced and a decision made. The lead given in the book in regard to nomenclature could with advantage be adopted. Mr. Corrigan has used the second name of each pair as his choice in his table: Albion—Acton; Bellthorpe—Thorpe; Burton—Brighton; Horsham—Ealing; Emerald—Double Dublin; Ewell—Shoreham; Gloucestershire—New Gloucester; Leek—Adelaide; Lune—Bolton; Marden—Boston; Moorside—Essex; Norbury—Sandringham; Ruby—Radnor; Stoke Poges—Clevedon; Victoria—Southall; Wicken—Huntingdon.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BELLS

With reference to the letter from Mr. P. Amos in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' and in fairness to the late Rev. E. S. Powell's 'Inventory of Bells for the Diocese of Peterborough,' the following facts should be given:—

There were then 372 rings of bells in the two counties of Northampton and Rutland, and a circular asking for particulars was sent to each of the incumbents concerned. Approximately half the forms were returned filled in (accurately or otherwise), and for the remaining half Mr. Powell was dependent on branch secretaries involved and on personal investigation. Failing all these Mr. Powell referred for the information to North's 'Church Bells of Northampton and Rutland.'

An enormous amount of patience, time and trouble went into the production of this pamphlet, and it is safe to say that where the Rev. Powell made investigations personally they were always most carefully and accurately recorded.

The Editor does not propose to enter into any further correspondence on this question of the weights of bells in the Diocese of Peterborough. The Rev. Powell's contributions to the advancement of the art of ringing earned for him the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends, and only those associated with publications know of the innumerable difficulties connected with inventories of this description.

BRAMPTON VISITED.

Brampton, one of the isolated towers of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, entertained recently ringers from Shotley Bridge and district, members of the Western Branch of the Newcastle and Durham Association. The occasion was noteworthy in that it was the first effort of Brampton ringers to entertain outside towers and also the first extended ring on the bells (6) since they were hung in the late 1800's. Contact with the outside world being established, we hope soon to report a visit to Shotley Bridge. The Rev. G. W. Chetwynd was responsible for the invitation.

ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH.

A party of 37 on June 5th, ringing at Great Waltham, Felstead, Dunmow (musical quality of bells beyond praise and also a good lunch), Hatfield Broad Oak, Harlow Common (also tea), Harlow St. Mary the Virgin and Writtle. All agreed that the outing had been outstanding in the history of St. Margaret's excursions.

26-Year-old Correction

RECORD LENGTH OF STEDMAN CATERS

On April 22nd, 1922, a record length of Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon. The composition was published in 'The Ringing World,' May 5th, page 281, but unfortunately an error was made in printing. The figures as published at this date were also repeated in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing.'

In the interests of accuracy the peal is now republished with the error rectified. All those in possession of the figures as published are asked to amend the error, which occurred in the turning course (2), a bob at 5 being omitted.

STEDMAN CATERS, 21,363 Changes.
By H. G. Miles.

231456789 261354978

(1) 561423978

(b) 563124 16
564321 16
465123 5 16
463521 16
461325 16
164523 5 16
163425 16
361524 5 16
364125 16
365421 16

Four times repeated, calling first course in each part 4, 5, 16, produces 261354978

(1) Produced by Singles at 1, 3, 8, 12, bobs at 6, 9, 13.

(2) 315462879 followed by calling from (b) in first part produces 615234879

(3) 165423978 followed by calling from (b) as in first part produces 265314978

(2) Produced by bobs at 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, S at 13, Bob at 16.

(3) Produced by bobs at 2, 5, 6, 9, 16.

265314978

(4) 312654879 followed by calling as from (b) in first part, until 214365879

Rounds next change. This part contains 33 courses.

(4) Produced by bobs at 2, 5, 9, Single at 11, Bobs at 15, 16.

OBITUARY

MR. J. HOLLOWAY.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and particularly the North-West Hants area, has suffered a severe loss by the death at the early age of 40 of Mr. James Holloway.

'Jim' to all who made his acquaintance was not a peal ringer; his total was only two or three, but he was an efficient change ringer in half a dozen standard methods. He was a regular attendant and spent a large proportion of his ringing career in the instruction of recruits.

A member of the Andover band since 1940, his passing is a severe blow to that tower. His memory will, however, be perpetuated by his constant gibe to the gossips who were not keen to leave the tower at the conclusion of practice, 'Come on, you chaps, you're losing valuable drinking time.' J.A.H.

MR. H. STENTON.

A ringer at South Anston Church, near Sheffield, for upwards of 70 years, Mr. H. Stenton, died on July 11th. As a token of respect, on the day following the interment, a quarter-peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung with the bells half-muffled by Mrs. L. Turley 1, J. H. Brothwell 2, W. H. Taylor 3, J. G. Brothwell 4, A. Hill 5, H. O. Chaddock 6, J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8.

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH F. MEDWAY...*Treble*	*EDMUND KING 4
WILLIAM T. CHAPMAN ... 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
*HARRY C. NEWMAN ... 3	ROBERT J. LAWRENCE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Minor.

CLUNBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...*Treble*	ERNEST H. MEREDITH... 4
*ERIC O. DAVIES 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
ALFRED E. OWEN 3	*ROGER MEREDITH ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells for 39 years.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 4
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD... 5
RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD... 3	MARK W. MARSHALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
First peal as conductor, age 15.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

NORMAN STATHAM ...*Treble*	T. KELHAM DEACON ... 4
FRANCIS R. DEACON ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR 5
*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Minor.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ALBERT TUBBY ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE ADAMS 4
*ANDREW MOORE 2	ARTHUR J. SMALLS 5
†BERTIE HAMMOND ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

NORTHMOOR, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Kennington, April Day, Fortune, St. Blaise, Northrepps, Antelope and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY P. FLOYD ... ...*Treble*	*GILBERT H. WRIGHT ... 4
*MISS LOTTIE R. PIMM... 2	*HENRY C. FARMER ... 5
†BERTRAM J. COGGINS ... 3	*CHARLES W. BOWSHER *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY P. FLOYD.
* First peal 'inside' in 14 methods. † First peal. First peal in 14 methods as conductor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three blocks of 1,440 Oxford and Kent rung alternate courses and one 720 of Kent. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERIC SMITH ... ...*Treble*	WILFRED YOUNG 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2	WILLIAM FAY 5
WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Kent T.B., 720 Single Oxford and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ARTHUR GIBBS ... ...*Treble*	MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 4
*MISS JEAN BRIGGS ... 2	*EDWARD W. CHESTER ... 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, each called differently. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR CATTELL 4
JEAN M. WARD 2	JOHN B. BENNETT ... 5
ALAN CATTELL 3	*DAVID C. CLEMENTS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
AT 48, ASHFIELD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 2, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
	A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
First peal of Stedman Doubles in Ireland, by all the band and for the Association.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

CHARLES MCGUINESS ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7-8
	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT SUNNYVIEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 19 in F.

JOHN A. ACRES 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 7-8
	J. REGINALD HEATH ... 9-10

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

ELY, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4	RONALD H. BULLEN 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

NUNEATON.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT 21, GIPSY LANE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*MARGARET BEAMISH ... 1-2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal on 12 bells.

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. A. Carter 1, Miss J. Hammond 2, Miss A. West 3, J. Allen 4, H. A. Treadgold (cond.) 5, C. B. Carter 6. First quarter by all.

ALCESTER, WARWICKS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Print 1, L. Kinchen 2, C. R. Steed 3, F. C. Lyne 4, J. Lyne 5, R. C. Chapman 6, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. Goode 8.

APPLEBY, WESTMORLAND.—On June 2nd at St. Lawrence's, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Burnett (cond.) 1, T. Martin 2, A. G. Morland 3, A. Wilkinson 4, J. Bradberry 5, B. D. Price 6. First quarter in method for 2, 3, 4, 5. Believed to be the first quarter on bells (recast 1833).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 29th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Harrison 1, R. Wimpenny 2, F. Pickup (first of Doubles) 3, R. Edwards 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, B. Trueman 6. In memoriam Mr. H. Ludkin.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds (first in method) 1, S. Hart (cond.) 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, B. Williams 7, T. Howard 8.

BEDFORD.—On May 30th, at St. Paul's, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: J. Jipson 1, Mrs. M. Cooley 2, Betty Spice (cond.) 3, F. Webb 4, S. Foskett 5, N. Inskip 6, E. Jeffries 7, J. Ward 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Martin's Church on June 1st, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: J. Pinfold 1, W. G. Critchley 2, F. E. Pervin 3, L. Tuffery 4, F. E. Haynes 5, W. C. Dowding 6, S. O'C. Holloway 7, H. C. Spencer 8, E. Mansell 9, J. Lindon 10, A. Walker (cond.) 11, W. T. Froggatt 12. In memoriam George F. Swann.

BUCKINGHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. Jones 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, F. Vickers 4, W. C. Gough (first of Triples) 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On June 6th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Moorhouse (first quarter) 1, H. Cornwell 2, A. Skelton 3, G. Harrison 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, H. H. Brittan 6. First quarter on bells rung on first anniversary of dedication.

CLERKENWELL. — On June 6th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, W. Ellis 5, L. H. Bowler 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, A. W. Coles 8. First in method 2, 6 and 7.

CLEWER, BERKS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (60 St. Simon's, 240 each of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and April Day): R. Purchase 1, W. Butler (cond.) 2, K. Curtis 3, J. Brooks 4, R. Posnett 5, S. L. Posnett 6. First in six methods by all the band.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Codling 1, Miss P. Steere 2, E. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Davies 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, W. Oatway 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On June 6th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Hawksley 1, D. R. Judd 2, F. A. Finch 3, A. Jones 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 6, J. Sansom 7, E. C. S. Turner 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Major: W. G. Cook 1, R. Collins 2, L. A. Tidy 3, D. E. Colgate 4, J. O. Weller 5, E. H. Lewis (cond.) 6, A. Janes 7, F. W. Budgen 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On June 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Scott 1, I. J. Attwater 2, J. Roberts 3, S. J. Nicholls 4, D. Towers 5, R. S. Beckett 6, J. R. Towers 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dickens, jun. 1, G. F. Garrison 2, F. H. W. Bird 3, J. Graves 4, R. Brown 5, W. J. Meers (cond.) 6, H. Dickens 7, L. Willock 8. Longest length for 1 and 8.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Stevens (first quarter) 1, T. Fowler (first quarter) 2, C. Watkins 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, E. Briden (cond.) 5, C. Cripps 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. T. Lambert 1, J. L. Morris (12) 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, R. Tappenden 5, D. Beveridge 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, A. W. Durham 8. First quarter on eight bells by 2, 5 and 6.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,080 Bob Minor: C. J. Piper (13, first Minor) 1, G. Beeney (first Minor 'inside') 2, W. M. Stepney (13) 3, E. G. D. Tonkin (14) 4, B. Stepney 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Packham (first of Major) 1, Miss C. A. Lish 2, E. Rapley 3, E. Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Packham (first of Major) 6, F. Cruttenden 7, B. White (cond.) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Cobb 1, W. W. Webb 2, D. Thomas 3, H. C. Chandler 4, W. A. Lewis 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, E. R. Gladman 7, B. A. Rose 8. A compliment to H. C. Chandler on attainment of more than 60 years of ringing.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS. — On May 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Flatters 1, Miss R. Brown 2, J. R. Kemp 3, T. Cummins (first of Major 'inside') 4, E. Fisher 5, A. E. Flatters 6, E. Kemp 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On June 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Lott (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. G. Castle 3, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On May 29th, at St. Michael and All Angels', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Smith 1, S. Pickford 2, G. Bottomley 3, H. C. Lonvon 4, J. Marshall 5, J. Smith 6, F. Yates (cond.) 7, C. Morlidge 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, C. Taylor 2, A. Hicks (cond.) 3, R. Hicks 4, C. Sangwin 5, D. Martin 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. L. C. Duke, vice-captain of the tower.

NOTTINGHAM.—On June 3rd at St. Peter's, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. E. Padgett 1, F. A. Salter 2, R. Aley 3, F. Bradley 4, F. Gobey (cond.) 5, K. S. B. Croft 6, W. Nichols 7, F. Lowe 8. In memoriam T. Groombridge, jun.

OXFORD.—On June 6th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Barrow 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, Miss N. Honey (first in method) 3, C. Coles 4, E. G. Moore 5, H. P. Raynor 6, P. C. Wright 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8.

READING.—At St. Laurence's on June 10th, 1,261 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. D. Catterall 2, Miss P. Hart 3, N. Diserens 4, C. Pullen 5, T. Lanaghan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, C. Pullen 8, C. Watts 9, V. Cherrill 10. For wedding of Ray Burton, member of tower.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 30th at Christ Church, 1,257 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Russell 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, G. Armstrong 3, W. J. Bowden 4, S. G. Peck 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, H. Miller 7, J. G. Nash 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. First Grandsire Caters 1 and 2.

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STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On April 26th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. Bowden 1, A. Rowley (cond.) 2, E. Young 3, J. Head 4, W. Buckley 5, G. Chaplin 6, C. Templeton 7, H. Proctor 8. First half-peal 1, 3 and 6.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—On May 30th at All Hallows', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, F. A. Barker 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, E. Pratchett 4, A. E. Hoare 5, A. F. Warren 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, D. F. Norton (first quarter) 8.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Grayshott, Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. — A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 3673

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at North Weald (6) on Saturday, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bus service from Epping at 4' and 34 minutes past the hour. Train by Central London Line to Woodford and then half-hourly service.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 3677

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3698

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Andover, Saturday, July 3rd. Committee 11 a.m. General meeting 2. Service 4.15. Meat tea 5.15. Bells available Andover (8), Goodworth Clatford (6), Longparish (6), Abbotts Ann (5), 11 till 1.30 and after tea. — F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3716

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, St. George-the-Martyr, Borough, London, S.E., on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. St. Margaret's, Westminster, bells available at 7 p.m.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 3737

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Aldenham (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3712

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Lowestoft on July 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Seaman's Club, Battery Green. Business after. Notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 3701

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — South Anston, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring food. Norton meeting postponed.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 3718

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hawkhurst (8), July 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 3714

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fairwarp, 3 p.m., July 3rd. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 3719

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer Festival at Kempston on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. —F. J. Plummer, Secretary, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard. 3732

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — July 3rd. Ringing, Christ Church with St. John's, City. Usual arrangements. Tea, St. Michael's Parish Hall. —C. H. Wood, Branch Secretary. 3743

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Howden, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea (2s 6d. each) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Reports available and subscriptions now due.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 3765

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Warfield (8), Saturday, July 3rd, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3745

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Banbury (10), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify before July 6th E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 3711

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — An extraordinary meeting will be held Saturday, July 10th, at Ashton Parish Church. Bells (13) available 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. 3713

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 10th; at Lindfield. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea, Cuckfield, 4.15. Bells after tea. Names by July 3rd, please. Trains to Haywards Heath: 1.24 from London Bridge; 1.28 and 1.45 from Victoria. Buses from Haywards Heath to Lindfield: 2.3, 2.11, 2.30, 2.41. —A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn (8), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. and N. Divisions.—Joint meeting at Great Tey on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free to all ringers who notify Mr. J. W. Dyer, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester, not later than Wednesday, 7th.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 3734

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Misson (6), Saturday, July 10th. No tea arrangements. Buses from Finningley Lane end.—H. Denman. 3766

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness, not later than July 7th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 3771

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea follows.—K. Willers, Acting Secretary. 3750

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Beverley Minster, July 10th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Parish Room. Essential to notify Mr. L. Daggitt, 82, Minster Moor Gate, Beverley, by morning post, July 8th.—Albert Sellers. 3746

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Matlock, July 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 4 p.m., Church Hall. Bring food, cups of tea Church Hall 5.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. General Secretary. 3764

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5. — W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3767

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting at Malpas, Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Names for tea by July 7th. — George E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston Vew, Chester. 3768

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Crofton, near Wakefield, July 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. F. Townend, Bleak House, Doncaster Road, Crofton, before July 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3770

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 10th, St. James', Benwell. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Carse, 51, Lanercost Drive, Fenham, Newcastle 5.—W. E. Robinson, Hon. District Sec. 3769

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Names by July 7th to C. Lawton, Sutton Lane Ends, near Macclesfield. 3748

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting, St. James', Milnrow, on Saturday, July 10th. Cups of tea only. Nominations for Branch Secretary required.—I. Kay, Secretary. 3751

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery. — Meeting at Puriton, July 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 3761

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), July 10th. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. Bartle, The George and Dragon, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 3760

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Purton, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 3757

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Leigh, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea early to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3753

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, July 17th, not July 10th, owing to the gymkhana in the Park. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3772

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 10th, Swainswick (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea by 8th to W. Starr, Woolley, near Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting arranged at Farnworth on Saturday, July 10th, CANCELLED.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3759

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton Ely. 3747

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, July 10th. Pells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names, please, to J. Hobbs, High Street, Redbourn, by Wednesday, 7th inst.—W. C. Hughes, District Sec. 3762

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Gainford (6), July 10th. Names for tea by July 7th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 3763

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Tea tickets from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, not later than July 13th. No ticket no tea.—H. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 3774

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 17th. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher, Rev. Canon H. Pickles, Rural Dean of Woodstock). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m.; tickets 5s. Applications, accompanied by remittance, to secretary not later than July 6th. Ringing: Cathedral (12); Colleges, New (10), Magdalen (10), Merton (8); Churches, St. Ebbe's (8), St. Giles' (8), Holywell (6), Carfax (6), St. Aldate's (6), St. Thomas' (6), Iffley (6). To make our beautiful service even more impressive, would choristers please bring their cassocks and surplices and proceed to vestry at 10.45 a.m. — William Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 3674

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting at Bishop's Stortford (St. Michael's), Saturday, July 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must reach me before Tuesday, July 13th. No name no tea.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3756

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Worthen (6), July 17th, 2.30 p.m. Buses from Claremont Street at 1.30, 3, 3.30, 4. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—C. A. Barron. Hon. Sec. 3754

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilby on Saturday, July 17th. Service 4. Mears Ashby bells also after the meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—C. W. Partridge, Sunnybank, Wilby, near Wellingborough. 3752

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Rededication of St. Andrew's bells after restoration, Friday, July 23rd. Service 7.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Bells available on Saturday, July 24th, from 3 p.m. onwards. All ringers welcome.—G. Ditton, Hon. Sec., 36, St. Andrew Street, Hertford. 3709

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch). — Preliminary notice.—A combined meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at the following towers: Bagshot, Farnborough, Hawley, Finchamstead, Sandhurst, Yateley, Yorktown. Service and tea at Yorktown. A 32-seater coach will run between towers. Full details later. Note altered date. 3727

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BALAAM

ONE of those classic ringing stories was reported in the London 'Evening News' as emanating from All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey. Mr. E. Gosden, the captain of the band, narrates: 'Recently, while we were ringing, a father made the 100 ft. climb to the belfry to protest at the noise. He was so interested, however, how changes were rung, that his indignation vanished and we parted the best of friends.'

Mr. Gosden, with his 30 years' experience as a bell-ringer spent in different parts of the country, avers that complaints about church bells being a nuisance usually comes from only a small minority. Most folk, he is sure, like to hear the bells.

The publicity given in the 'Evening News' has not escaped the attention of other ringers. Mr. George Gilbert of Burnham, writes to the Editor: 'I think we ought to congratulate Mr. Gosden. It does our cause a deal of good, and I would suggest to anyone who has an opportunity to make the most of it in educating the layman via the press.'

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, in his book 'Church bells and Ringers of Norwich,' aptly sums up the situation when he states that the average person's knowledge of change ringing is vague. Almost Gilbertian is his interpretation of this common knowledge, which he describes: 'Immense feats of strength in ringing bells of some enormous weight for many hours, of drunken orgies after a peal, of terribly complicated mathematical formulæ connected with producing the changes, of the spirit akin to Freemasonry which enables ringers to find friends all over the country, of the element of wild romance involved in climbing a long dark staircase at midnight to ring in the New Year, or at dawn to welcome Easter morning.' Each topic could be expanded into a chapter and put in its true perspective in relation to our art.

This educating of the lay public should not be treated as a haphazard affair. Every Guild or Association should have its band of lecturers and writers ready to explain the mysteries of ringing. Last week we recorded the good work undertaken by St. Martin's Guild in this respect. We have lecturers capable of holding the interest of the learned societies and also a number of popular lecturers. Irritation develops when ringing appears to be meaningless. Once it is understood, like Balaam of the earliest days, there will be blessings from those who came to curse.

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H. JAMES TURNER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
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GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	3	KENNETH W. KNOWLES...	9
ALAN F. THIRST ...	4	AUBREY M. PICKERING ...	10
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	11
†J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	6	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ERNEST MORRIS ...	*Treble*	JOHN B. BENNETT ...	6
JOHN BRAMLEY	2	SIDNEY HARRISON ...	7
*JEAN M. WARD	3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ...	8
GORDON A. OLLIFFE ...	4	JOHN H. DREWERY ...	9
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD...	5	†COLIN P. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by G. A. OLLIFFE.
* First of Caters 'inside.' † First on 10 bells. First of Caters as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	*ALFRED J. HATTEN ...	6
H. E. C. GOODENOUGH	2	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ...	7
LESLIE T. HANSELL ...	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	8
*ARTHUR DAY	4	CHARLES F. SAYER ...	9
*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	5	BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by WM. J. ARNOLD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor. Rung for the millenary and patronal festival of St. Albans.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5112 CHANGES;

*BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON...	6
*H. E. C. GOODENOUGH	2	FREDK. J. SPICER ...	7
HAROLD V. FROST ...	3	CHARLES E. SAYER ...	8
*AUDREY M. BAILEY ...	4	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	9
*ALAN WHITE	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the millenary of the foundation of this church. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*COLIN P. BRADFORD	*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	5
†MISS K. BURCHNALL ...	2	HAROLD DENMAN	6
†MISS G. BURCHNALL ...	3	†BERNARD O. MANN ...	7
†JOSEPH DIXON	4	†HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. CAWSER. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

DAVID VINCENT ...	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
CYRIL VALENTINE	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE HODGSON	*Treble*	*FREDERICK P. MEAD ...	5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	2	†CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	6
NORMAN S. BAGWORTH...	3	†JAMES G. A. PRIOR ...	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's. Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER...	*Treble*	*ARNOLD CRITCHLEY ...	5
JACK KAY	2	ALBERT E. SANDIFORD...	6
*ROY PARKINSON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
JAMES WM. KAY	4	JOHN F. WOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal. To celebrate 50 years' membership of the Association by Robert Holden, a member of the All Souls' band.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

CECIL NICE	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING ...	5
FLORRIE WYMAN	2	RAYMOND OVERY	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

CHERITON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 16, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN WILLIS ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	5
MISS F. GODDERIDGE...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	6
WALTER C. CHANDLER...	3	HILDRED S. WICKENS ...	7
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	4	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal of Major 'inside'. First peal of Major as conductor.

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NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN	*Treble*	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE	2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
MISS JEAN FREER	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	6
*STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
†ERNEST J. LADD	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the conductor and Mrs. Sone. Tenor 18 cwt.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

FRANK LORD	*Treble*	*JOHN SCOTT	5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	6
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
*ARTHUR CROWDER	4	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.... Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the wedding of Miss D. Lunt and Mr. F. Jeffery.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's (Jonhson's Variation). Tenor 13 cwt.

PATRICIA HOLMES	*Treble*	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	5
ERIC B. HARTLEY	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	*JOHN E. ROOTES	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. A birthday peal for Miss Patricia Holmes.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	E. FREDK. GOBEY	5
*MISS D. TEMPLEMAN	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	JOHN E. HOBBS	7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4	*THOMAS W. WHEAT	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal of Stedman.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*W. E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	*FRANK L. FISHER	5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

A. L. RYMAN, auditor	*Treble*	A. E. LAKER, committee	5
A. RELFE, C.C. rep.	2	C. A. BASSETT, secretary	6
B. V. COLLISON, committee	3	E. J. OLIVER, treasurer	7
A. F. LEWRY, committee	4	E. J. LADD, chairman	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
By the officers to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS AUDREY A. EWINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. BUTLER	5
DAVID H. PEARCE	2	BERNARD C. CASTLE	6
*MISS PEGGY G. KITCHEN	3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	7
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. ARLET (14)	*Treble*	†DAVID J. CHARNLEY	5
JACK DAFTERS	2	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	6
JOHN L. MORRIS (12)	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
*DAVID BEVERIDGE (17)	4	RICHARD STREEK (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	*HENRY O. BAKER	5
JOHN HAYES	2	JAMES S. WEBB	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	4	†HARRY PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Swindley. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	2	CHARLES H. WEBB	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	3	JOHN W. TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM A. STOTE	4	*GEORGE GARDNER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob on the wells. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
B. Annable's Three-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*MISS JUNE H. EAST	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*MRS. C. J. HIBBERT	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	6
MRS. A. DISERENS	3	MARK ROSIER	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL J. HIBBERT.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss June H. East.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1048, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE BAILEY	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WILLIAM H. CURSON	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
HORACE O. OVER	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
*WILLIAM T. GOADBY	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Stedman.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	*HAROLD A. MAY	5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS	2	*ERNEST F. SALMONS	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of London. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

BURLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM DIXON ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ...	2	*HARRY DAVISON	6
FREDERICK SEAGER ...	3	*ALFRED SMITH	7
*GORDON BENFIELD ...	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*JOHN W. GLEW ...	...*Treble*	†ALAN CATTELL	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	3	*WILLIAM A. PARSONS...	7
†CHARLES W. WALKLAKE	4	†WALTER B. SHAW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*†MISS J. A. ENGLAND	*Treble*	JOHN F. GALYER	5
*MISS G. R. BRITTAIN	2	HERBERT G. HUMPHRIES	6
*WILLIAM F. OATWAY...	3	*DAVID E. PARSONS ...	7
FRANK D. JENNINGS...	4	FRANK E. DARBY	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to David E. Parsons. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
'Ilkeston' Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

SIDNEY FLINT ...	...*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	5
THOS. S. HORRIDGE ...	2	THOS. W. HESKETH ...	6
WM. H. DEACON	3	*WM. PILKINGTON ...	7
*RONALD KENRICK ...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Spliced Major.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt.

F. W. GIBBS	...*Treble*	THOMAS GREENHALL ...	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	2	JOHN W. SMITH	6
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ...	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
FRANK W. PERRINS ...	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
Rung for the wedding of Miss F. L. Wright and Mr. R. Smith, who are members of the local band.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	...*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	6
*SIDNEY LEATHERBARROW	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	4	CECIL RADDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., June 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 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.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	...*Treble*	JOHN S. WALTON	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ...	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY	...*Treble*	*HARRY J. SMERDON ...	5
HARRY CHEESMAN	2	NORMAN HOBDEN ...	6
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	7
ALBERT J. ADAMS	4	EDWIN T. WOOLLOFF...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the birth of Jennifer Mary, daughter of Malcolm Pitstow, and granddaughter of the conductor.

TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY, KENWYN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*MISS MAY PENROSE	...*Treble*	†MRS. A. S. ROBERTS...	5
MISS JOAN E. WITHEY	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
*ARTHUR BURLEY	3	†REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	7
CYRIL E. LANXON ...	4	R. GEORGE CLEMENS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal on eight. † 70th peal together.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*REGINALD FINCH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	5
GEORGE CARE	2	ERIC NOBLES	6
FRANK BURGESS	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	7
†STAN M. RUDDLESDEN	4	RONALD C. NOON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON. Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.
* First peal Treble Bob. † First peal Treble Bob 'inside.'

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	5
MARGARET BEAMISH ...	2	JAMES F. CLARKE	6
JOHN THOMPSON	3	JAMES DRAYCOTT	7
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	JOHN E. LLOYD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 4.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

NOLAN GOLDEN ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS...	5
WALTER C. MEDLER ...	2	WALTER J. FORD	6
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	3	*BERT GOGLE	7
HERBERT LASKEY	4	GEORGE SAYER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
A variation from Shipway. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILFRED YOUNG ...	...*Treble*	W. HENRY WALDRON ...	5
HERBERT GOAKES ...	2	DEREK SANDERSON ...	6
WILLIAM SMITH	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	7
*JAMES MOUNFIELD ...	4	LAWRENCE HADMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CRAMPION ...	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	THOS. W. TAFFENDER ...	6
HARRY TURNER	3	JAMES BULLOCK	7
THOS. H. TAFFENDER ...	4	FRANK V. GANT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BISHOPS CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

*H. W. WEBB ... ...*Treble*	PETER BAKER 4
LESLIE TIBBETTS 2	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 5
*HAROLD WEBB 3	LESLIE ASTON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WEBB.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Rev. K. C. Edmunds (Rector) and Mrs. Edmunds.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 3 of April Day, 4 of Old Doubles, 4 of Plain Bob, 5 of St. Dunstan's, 10 of London Singles, 10 of Grandsire and 240 of Morris's arrangement, all different callings.

*H. J. EDMUNDS ... ...*Treble*	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... 3
*MAX ELLIOTT 2	*ALAN E. PARTRIDGE ... 4

EDWARD SMART ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

LLANOVER, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... ...*Treble*	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS... 3
MRS. L. BAINHAM 2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 4

ROBERT E. R. SMITH ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

In honour of the appointment of Mr. John W. Jones as Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, 50 years after his previous appointment to the same office.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 6 six-scores each of Old Double and April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*E. C. WICKHAM ... ...*Treble*	*H. FOUNTAIN 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
*E. HUDSON 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

BARRINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, *in 2 hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*ROGER IREDALE ... ...*Treble*	ALEXANDER S. WATT ... 4
GILLIAN A. SMITH ... 2	PETER BORDER 5
BENEDICTA WHISTLER ... 3	ROGER LEIGH ... ...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

R. GEORGE MORRIS ...*Treble*	*FRANK R. BARNETT ... 4
JOSEPH E. LAWRENCE ... 2	GEORGE R. HANKS ... 5
THOMAS COOPER 3	FREDERICK MERRICK ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal away from treble. First peal on the bells for twenty-four years. Ten different callings. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

STANDLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents C.C. Collection, Nos. 28, 29, 37, 48, 50, 52 and 54.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE ...*Treble*	*GILBERT WRIGHT 4
†LOTTIE R. PIMM 2	HARRY P. FLOYD 5
*BERTRAM J. COGGINS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † 1st peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Inst. Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross, R.N., anticipates being stationed at St. Merryn, Cornwall, for several months. In 10 days, through the generosity of Mr. F. D. Teague, he has rung in 10 new towers. Peals for the Truro Diocesan Guild and many firsts may be expected.

Congratulations to East Grinstead and District Guild on their coming-of-age.

Mr. James Ballock, with a peal of Minor at Downham, Essex, completed the Cambridge Surprise family from 6 to 12 bells.

Two Anstey, Leicestershire, ringers—Gordon Deane and Miss Zena W. Walker—were married on June 26th. A peal of Yorkshire commemorated the happy occasion.

No fewer than 40 ringers assembled at Kilmersdon, nine miles from Bath, on Sunday, June 27th, at 8 a.m., for a Corporate Communion. Breakfast followed at the Joliffe Arms.

News from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association is the arranging of practices in London at Mells and Chewton Mendip on alternate Wednesdays.

Recordings were taken last week by the B.B.C. in the belfry of St. Alphege's, Canterbury, for the purpose of an overseas broadcast at some future date. Interviews were given by members of the young band there, also by the Rector and Mrs. Gatehouse.

A clock was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Crampion at the meeting of the South-West Division of the Essex Association last Saturday in appreciation of the great work both had done in the office of secretary of the division. The presentation was made by the Master (Mr. J. Chalk) at a meeting at North Weald. The hospitality of the Vicar and Mrs. King and the local band added to make the meeting memorable.

'Nils Desperandum' writes informing the Editor of his ninth failure for his first peal of Surprise. Is this a record?

Mr. George L. Chambers is the first ringer to have 'circled' Cresswell, Derbyshire, tower.

Three first peals in seven methods is unusual. Congratulations to conductor Joshua J. Partridge, who was calling his birthday peal at Bozeat, Northants.

June was a record month for failures. One enthusiast lost four peals, and three attempts for peals in Stedman Triples in honour of Mr. Herbert E. Audsley's wedding also came to grief.

Captain of St. Mary-without-the-Tower, Chester, for many years, Mr. James Swindley has just celebrated his 75th birthday. A peal of London Surprise Major was how the Sunday service band said, 'Happy birthday to you.'

'Ringing Towers,' the N.S.W. Association's journal, tells of the plans being made for the Royal visit to Australia and New Zealand. Steeplekeepers are urged to watch maintenance and repairs. Christchurch Cathedral have their ring of 10 out of action; they are putting the necessary work in hand at once.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Rolvenden on May 22nd, 1948, was not the first in the method for the Hawkhurst and District Guild as claimed. The first was rung at Salehurst on January 21st, 1939, by R. E. Lambert 1, William Haigh 2, F. J. Lambert 3, W. Gorringe 4, J. G. Powell 5, H. R. French 6, A. Relfe (cond.) 7, R. T. Lambert 8.

Mr. Herbert Fields, of St. Neots, for many years Ringing Master of the Hunts District of the Ely Association, and Mrs. Fields have celebrated their golden wedding. In the congratulatory 1,260 Grandsire Triples on June 15th were: R. Barnes 1, E. W. Clarke 2, S. W. Hawksford 3, C. H. Harding (cond.) 4, W. A. R. Chamberlain 5, F. W. Lack 6, G. E. Jeffries 7, B. F. Sims 8.

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Carillon for All Hallows

A CANADIAN'S GIFT TO LONDON

A carrillon of 18 bells is in the course of installation at All Hallows-by-the-Tower, Barking, and will be rung when the Queen lays the foundation stone of the east wall on July 19th.

Previous to the war All Hallows possessed a ring of eight cast at the Whitechapel foundry in 1813, the tenor weighing nearly one ton.

Early in 1941, as a result of enemy action, the tower was damaged and the bells completely destroyed, the metal of which they were made being melted and lost.

The tower, never really strong enough for a swinging peal and now further weakened by the combined efforts of bombing and fire, was pronounced unfit to withstand the stresses of swinging bells of adequate weight.

It was decided to instal a chime of bells 18 in number, with the largest, or great bell, weighing some 2 tons.

A welcomed friend, Mr. J. H. McConnell, of 'The Montreal Star,' came forward and generously offered to provide and instal the bells, a timely gift which was gratefully accepted.

The contract for the bells was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The bells form a chime in the key of C, the scale of notes and inscription on each bell being as follows:—

1. G. Toc H Founders.
2. F sharp. Poperinghe.
3. F. John McConnell, Donor.
4. E. Philip Clayton, Vicar and Founder Padre.
5. D sharp. Archbishops Davidson, Lang and Temple.
6. D. John Quincy Adams, 1797.
7. C sharp. John Kettlewell, 1695.
8. C. William Penn, 1644.
9. B. William Laud, Archbishop, 1644.
10. A sharp. Lancelot Andrews, Bishop, 1626.
11. A. Anthony Duddington, 1519
12. G sharp. Dame Margery Haydok, 1477.
13. G. Alderman John Croke, 1477.
14. F sharp. Sir Robert Knollys, 1407.
15. F. Lightermen, 1278 and 1432.
16. E. Cor Leonis, 1199.
17. D. Rochester, 1148.
18. C. S. Ethelburga, 675.

They are hung in a steel framework which is erected in the tower at about the level of the upper set of windows and are fixed in position so that they do not swing, but are struck by the clappers. They are played by one person from a clavier situated immediately below them.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

Over 50 members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Sedgley on June 12th. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Sargeant) conducted the Guild service. The home-made cakes provided and served by the wife of the veteran captain, Mr. B. Fullwood, and her friends were much enjoyed.

Five new members were elected at the business meeting, and the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Clent. Votes of thanks included a special one for Mr. and Mrs. Fullwood.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Five new members and four compounding members were elected at the North-Western District meeting at Benhilton on June 26th, attended by 40 ringers.

After the service, the company sat down to a splendid tea, prepared by Mr. Gosden and his helpers. A novelty was the making of a record of a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was played to the company in the vestry. A touch of Stedman was similarly recorded.

Mr. F. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, has records for sale of these bells, price 15s.

The Saffron Walden Society

On June 26th, the Saffron Walden Society celebrated the 325th anniversary of Great Ringing Day. The festival day is June 27th, but, as this fell on Sunday, the celebrations were held on the previous day.

The Saffron Walden Society has an authentic history throughout these 3¼ centuries. On June 27th, 1623, they were left a legacy by Thomas Turner, a merchant of the town. He lost his way in the woods of Audley End, a large wooded estate near the town, and was guided to safety by the sound of the church bells. In gratitude he bequeathed a yearly sum to the ringers to ring the bells on the anniversary of his death and have a sermon preached. He also left suitable sums to the minister who preached the sermon and to the church clerk.

The first visitors arrived on the Friday evening to enable them to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters at 9.30 a.m. on the Festival Day. Unfortunately, the attempt failed after 1½ hours' ringing. The peal band then rang a well-struck course of Cambridge Royal. After more ringing the local Society and visitors adjourned to the Abbey Hotel for lunch.

Many visitors arrived during the afternoon and the bells were kept going till 5 p.m., when all went for tea in the grounds of Castle Hill House. Here all ringers were introduced to the Bishop of Colchester, who had come specially to preach at the commemoration service.

The commemoration service in the large Parish Church was preceded by a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. R. Sinker, and the Bishop of Colchester delivered a wonderful and inspiring address.

After service the ringers returned to the belfry and the bells were kept going till 8.30 p.m. Some visitors remained in the town till Sunday evening and took part in the ringing for Matins.

MR. HERBERT J. AUDSLEY MARRIED

A large congregation, including some 20 ringers, witnessed the wedding at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on June 26th, of Mr. Herbert E. Audsley and Miss Elsie Nolan. Both bride and bridegroom are well known in Crayford, Mr. Audsley being a member of a family who have resided there for some two hundred years. He is, of course, a well-known ringer, who has taken part in over 800 peals, and his best man, his companion in many a peal, was Mr. Harry Hoverd.

Several touches of Mr. Audsley's favourite method, Stedman Triples, were rung before and after the ceremony, but, sad to relate, no fewer than three attempts for peals in that method in honour of the occasion were unsuccessful. Messrs. Audsley and Hoverd are both able conductors of Stedman, and it is unfortunate that their arduous duties prevented them from coming to the assistance of their weaker brethren!

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Festival was held at Truro on June 26th, with the bells of the Cathedral, Kenwyn and Kea available. About 100 ringers were present from all parts of the diocese and also a few visitors. Evensong was held in the choir of the Cathedral, the ringers doing the singing in place of the Cathedral choristers, who were having a half-holiday. The service was taken by the Succentor, the lesson read by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, secretary of the Guild, and the address given by the Bishop of Truro, who welcomed the ringers to their Mother Church.

Tea followed the service, where the Bishop met many of the ringers. After tea parties of ringers were conducted over the upper regions of the Cathedral and experienced the strenuous climb up the central tower.

Chester Diocesan Guild

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The Stockport Branch held their quarterly meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith in the Peak District of Derbyshire. This ancient church, which can be traced back to 1225, possesses a handy ring of six bells, which were made full use of from early in the afternoon until service time.

In place of the usual address, the Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. H. Green, gave a short historical sketch of the church from its early days up to the present day. Of interest to ringers is the story that during one of the rehangings of the bells one of them fell from the tower with the workman seated upon it and it is said he suffered little hurt. In Cromwellian times 1500 Scottish prisoners were kept in the church, 44 of whom died and were buried in the churchyard, but the precise spot is not now known.

About 50 years ago the church was restored and the plaster which covered the walls and the false ceiling removed, the west gallery, which contained the organ, the case of which is 18th century, taken down permitting a view of the timbered roof, some of which goes back to the 16th century. An interesting feature is that the nave and chancel are on the same level, but according to an authority, who classifies the church as a perfect specimen of an English church, this is purely accidental due to the nave floor being raised on account of the many persons buried beneath it. The 16th century font was at one time found in the garden of one of the churchwardens, who was holding it as security for a debt the church owed him.

Tea was afterwards served in the schools, after which the usual business meeting was held, at which seven new junior members were elected, viz.: S. Penny (Disley), H. Wolstencroft, P. F. Turner, G. Taylor, A. B. Barnes and G. Pridham (Ashton St. Peter). Members of the Macclesfield Branch were welcomed, and Mrs. Barnes, wife of Mr. Alfred Barnes, congratulated on her 84th birthday, which was the following day.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MEETING AT POCKLINGTON.

The Society's own form of service, which has been approved by the Archbishop, was used for the first time at Pocklington on June 12th. An attendance of 55 included representatives from 18 towers. A service touch of 350 Kent Treble Bob Minor was conducted by Mr. L. Rodmell (Ringing Master).

The Vicar (Canon Richardson) conducted the service and joined the members at a splendid 'Yorkshire' tea.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) presided at the business meeting, when congratulations were extended to the Society by the Rev. G. Storer on their efforts in compiling the service leaflets, with special thanks to Miss Lidgley.

Attention was drawn to the annual meeting of the Society at Beverley on July 10th, and an invitation to Bridlington on August 14th was accepted. Mr. Arthur Hudson and Mr. G. W. Tune (Hemingbrough) were elected members.

Further ringing in the tower included Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Bob Doubles, call changes and rounds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

JOINT MEETING WITH LADIES' GUILD.

A joint meeting of the Grimsby District and the Lincolnshire District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bigby on June 5th. The Rector (the Rev. H. Thackray) conducted the service and gave an address on the Lambeth Conference.

Members were entertained with tea at the Rectory by the Rector and Mrs. Thackray, and at the business meeting which followed a hearty vote of thanks was given to them. The District Bell Fund collection was £1 6s. One new member was elected.

Change Ringing a Novelty

STORY OF A CORNISH PEAL.

In forwarding a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at St. Breward on the western edge of Bodmin Moor, Inst. Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross, R.N., writes:—

Change ringing is rarely heard in this part of Cornwall. The whole area is a strong prize ringing one, and the news of an attempted peal by 'scientific' ringers brought a large audience to this tower, some 800 feet up on the moor.

The Rector (the Rev. W. Jennings) has forbidden prize ringing in his tower and welcomed a visit by change ringers. In spite of Cornish ropes—no tucks and ends spliced in—a really good peal was scored, which included the first for one of Truro's Central Council delegates (Mr. F. D. Teague). Mr. Teague has been struggling for some time to try and get change ringing going in the centre west of Cornwall, and the peal was a welcome encouragement to him. It is hoped this will be the first of many whilst the conductor is stationed in the area.

After the peal the band were entertained right royally in the Village Hall by the Vicar and parishioners. During supper the local ringers rose the bells, rang rounds and fell the bells in true Cornish style to show us what they could do—and right well they did it. Then the local ringers joined the peal ringers—the Vicar welcomed the visitors, the conductor thanked the hosts and tried to inspire thoughts of change ringing in these generous Cornish people, apparently with some success.

Then out came the handbells—Plain Bob and Stedman and Grandsire were scored before thoughts of home drove the band to think of the narrow precipitous ride down off the moor. The Vicar, true to his calling, led us down to the plain in his car. However, our adventure was not over. Two of the band had to go south to Redruth. The remainder, plus one bicycle minus lights hitched on behind, struck north-westwards to Port Isaac to drop the owner and his bicycle. Then to get back across the River Camel to drop the two Naval officers in their camp at St. Merryn, and finally a tired first pealer arrived home, blistered but supremely happy, about 1 a.m.

In Central West Cornwall one has to look for ringing. Forty miles to ring Grandsire Doubles is the order of the day, but when one gets it, it is well worth the journey.

OBITUARY

MONSIGNOR JOHN CANON ROSKELL.

Many ringers, particularly those in the Birmingham area, will learn with regret of the sudden death on June 23rd of the Very Rev. Monsignor John Canon Roskell, Administrator of St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Birmingham, aged 67.

Of his 41 years in the priesthood, Monsignor Roskell had spent 37 at St. Chad's Cathedral. His love for the Cathedral was boundless and he spent much of his own money, although not a rich man, on its adornment.

Of particular interest to him were the Cathedral bells and he was never happier than when listening to them. He was instrumental in raising the money to defray the cost of recasting the bells. He took the keenest interest in the ringing Exercise and the St. Martin's Guild, being a frequent visitor to the Henry Johnson dinner. The Cathedral tower was open to any band for peals or practice at any reasonable hour.

The funeral service, which took the form of a Solemn Requiem Mass, was sung by the Archbishop of Birmingham in the presence of a large congregation. St. Martin's Guild were represented at the service by Messrs. W. C. Dowding and W. T. Froggatt (St. Martin's Church) and W. E. Box (St. Chad's Cathedral). The bells were rung half-muffled for all services on Sunday, June 27th, and before the funeral service on June 28th.

Outings

ST. LAURENCE'S, READING.

This year 25 members met at 6.30 a.m. and joyfully set out for Loughborough, arriving at 10.15 a.m. to be cordially welcomed by Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. J. P. Fidler. Ringing on the foundry ten was a unique experience. One band did a fair touch of Stedman Caters, but the titbit was 120 Grandsire Doubles on the front six at Mr. Fidler's pace, which nearly exhausted the tenor man.

At Leicester the visitors were met by Mr. H. G. Wayne, who had arranged ringing at the Cathedral, St. Margaret's, St. John's and All Saints', Belgrave. An hour's ringing at Wigston Magna was arranged at short notice by Mr. J. Carter.

At 8.10 p.m. St. Mary's, Warwick, was reached, where a warm welcome was extended by the old Fulham ringer, Mr. Ted Adams, who looked wonderfully fit for his nigh 80 years. The band have most happy memories of the kindness and hospitality of the Leicester ringing brothers.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.

Surrey was chosen for this year's outing. After picking up two V.I.P.s at Old Windsor, the party went to Chertsey, where they rang Stedman, Double Norwich and Grandsire. An hour's ringing at Ewell preceded a picnic lunch on the Downs.

On the lovely eight at Banstead, Mr. Arthur Martin, who had not rung for two years, took part in a course of Cambridge. Next came Grandsire and Stedman Caters at Reigate, and finally Chiddingfold, where Mr. Maurice Smithers, who many years ago was a ringer at Boyne Hill, welcomed the party.

BUCKINGHAM.

A circular tour by coach through Berks and Wilts made this year's outing a memorable day. Morning ringing was at Farringdon (Berks) and Bradford-on-Avon. After a good lunch in Trowbridge the fine peal of 12 was placed at the disposal of the party for the afternoon.

A marvellous tea, followed by ringing, awaited the visitors at Lamborne, where the bells were kept in full use until 8 p.m.

CHILVERS COTON.

First outing for 16 years was through Derbyshire and Leicestershire. The first call was St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, where the party was met by Mr. Leach and a colleague, the bells being rung to Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Cambridge Royal.

Then to Ashbourne, where the eight are rung from the centre of the church. The long draught and springy ropes were a good test for the younger members. After an excellent lunch, to Darley Dale through typical Derbyshire scenery. A course of Bristol, Double Norwich, Stedman and Kent were rung here. At Matlock there was some Yorkshire Major and Stedman and also tea.

The high spot of the day was the call at Loughborough Parish Church, where Mr. J. Fidler met the party. Supper was followed by a spot of dancing. The last call was at Appleby Parva, where a room had been reserved by Mr. W. Croshaw, an old Cotonian. Here the handbells were brought out. Home was reached at 11 p.m.

ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL.

The Exe Valley and Minehead district was chosen for the Guild's outing on June 19th. A start was made at 7.40 a.m., and stops took place at Wilton (8), Tiverton (8) and Dulverton for lunch at the house of one of the Gloucester and Bristol members who had recently moved from Bristol.

Then through beautiful country to Dunster, where the Vicar was waiting to greet the party, and Minehead for tea and an hour's ringing on the fine ten. On the homeward journey further ringing took place at Bridgwater. Home was reached by 11 p.m., all being tired but having enjoyed every minute of a well-planned outing.

Yorkshire Association

WESTERN DIVISION AT WETHERBY.

The summer meeting was held on June 26th at the home of the new president, and in delightful weather about 40 ringers and friends spent a pleasant afternoon and evening at this charming village on the banks of the River Wharfe.

Service was conducted by the Rev. C. O. Ellison, and the address was given by Canon Pulleine, sometime Vicar of Wetherby, and who was responsible for augmentation to eight during his incumbency.

A bountiful tea was served in the Micklethwaite Cafe, and members were grateful to the president for subsidising the cost.

Ringing was in a variety of methods, and on the whole the striking was of a very high standard.

The visitors included Mr. S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield. Three new members were elected, and collection to Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 12s. 6d.

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Hodgson, J. Ambler and W. H. Senior. It was unfortunate, but also unavoidable, that the meeting clashed with the Leeds and District meeting.

The next meeting will be at Haworth, the 'Home of the Brontes,' in September.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

JOINT MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches of the Devon Guild of Ringers was held at Buckfast Abbey on June 26th, when ringers came from Nottingham, London, Bristol, Exeter, Wellington (Som.), Silverton, Buckerell, Burlescombe, Okehampton, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Paignton, Dartmouth, Meavy, Plympton St. Maurice and Plymouth.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Major and Royal, as well as rounds on the twelve.

After tea in the Abbey Canteen, Mr. J. E. Lilley, chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch, voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of the bells, and to the secretaries of the two branches for making the arrangements.

Four non-resident members were elected, and an appeal was made on behalf of the funds for the restoration work at Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, where the roof is suffering from the ravages of the deathwatch beetle. The sum of two guineas was collected. Ringing afterwards took place at Dean Prior and Rattery Churches.

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

At the quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch, held at Bampton on June 19th, it was reported that at a local church, where it had been proposed to instal an amplifying apparatus, the Church Council were now seeking an alternative. As the tower was definitely not strong enough for a normal ring, a light carrillon might be provided.

The chairman, Mr. E. J. Taylor, remarked that there could be little doubt that the energetic protests made officially by the branch at its previous meeting, and by members individually, had contributed largely to this change of plan.

The chairman welcomed the Guild president, Preb. E. V. Cox, to the meeting, which was well attended. The methods rung, in addition to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

HURST.

Hurst ringers were joined by friends from Twyford and Sandhurst for their annual outing. Ringing was enjoyed at Amesbury, St. Martin's, Salisbury, Ringwood, Romsey and Hursley (where owing to the death of the Lady of the Manor, half-muffled touches were rung). Hurst was reached at 11 p.m. after a very successful day.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Reverse Canterbury, two 720's of Plain Bob and one each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... ...*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON 4
THOMAS SMITH 2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 5
ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3	JOHN N. BROWN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.
A compliment to the local captain and Mrs. McKee on the birth of a daughter.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight extents of April Day 12 Plain Bob, 20 Grandsire and 240 Morris' arrangement.

*H. J. EDMUNDS ...*Treble*	EDWARD SMART 4
†REX LINE 2	JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE... 5
†RUSSEL ELLIOTT 3	*ALAN E. PARTRIDGE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.
* First peal on six. † First peal.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Old Doubles and April Day, three of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob and 25 of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

HERBERT MOORE ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW 4
FREDERICK LEECH 2	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
HARRY VICKERS 3	ROBERT DAVIES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.
* First of Doubles in five methods, also on the bells. First peal in five methods by all except the conductor.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores each of Old Doubles and Norfolk, 6 six-scores each of April Day and London, 8 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 14 of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS BRENDA PRESCOTT *Treble*	MISS MARJORIE LEGG ... 4
MISS AUDREY TIBBOTTS 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
MISS HILDA PRESCOTT... 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in six methods by all the band.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, C.C.C., Nos. 58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILLIAM PERRY ... ...*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
FRANK C. MAY 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
James Bullock has now rung Cambridge Surprise on all number of bells from 6 to 12.

ST. BREWARD, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BREWARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
One 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS ...*Treble*	†DENNIS ROE 4
L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 2	†R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
*F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ... 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. D. Teague.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM DUNBAR ...*Treble*	HARRY CORSER 5
FRED READ 2	RICHARD BLAKEY 6
GEORGE HARWOOD ... 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 7
WILLIAM PROCTER ... 4	ALBERT YATES ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRED READ.
* First peal. Birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4
*L. T. MAINWARING ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3	LESLIE EVANS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 25, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

MARK W. MARSHALL ...*Treble*	*JAMES STOCKBRIDGE ... 4
*MRS. J. STOCKBRIDGE... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 5
*ALAN BUTLER 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD *Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEALS

LAMPETER, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 15, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*REV. C. EDWIN COX ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4
*ROY HALLETT 5-6	

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 1,440's and three 720's, called differently.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
*FREDK. E. DUKES 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method, by all the band, for the Association and in Ireland. Tenor size 14 in D.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., June 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
IN MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID GALLOP 1-2	MARGARET L. TUTT 5-6
*H. PETER RAYNOR 3-4	PETER C. WRIGHT 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Major on handbells.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 20, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT FOX YARD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 1-2	THOMAS BIRD 3-4
RONALD SUCKLING 5-6	

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
IN LADY MARGARET HALL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*RUTH M. K. HOW ... 1-2	MARGARET L. TUTT 5-6
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3-4	PETER C. WRIGHT 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, LINCS. — On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 April Day and Reverse Canterbury, 360 of Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Crosland (first quarter) 1, R. E. Manton 2, G. C. Bagley 3, E. A. Dench (cond.) 4, A. Rogers 5.

BARTON, CAMBS. — On June 11th, 1,419 Doubles (360 Spliced Plain and St. Simon's, 450 Grandsire, 240 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman, 120 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Plain): D. Marr 1, G. Anderson Smith 2, P. Border 3, R. Leigh 4, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 5.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS. — On June 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Keach 1, G. E. Watson (cond.) 2, J. Dacre (first in method 'inside') 3, Miss J. Saddington 4, B. S. Cope 5, B. J. Saddington 6, Mrs. G. E. Watson 7, P. I. Chapman 8.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' on June 6th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. Phillips 1, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. Matthews 3, R. Green 4, E. A. Reeve 5, R. Stannard 6, T. Francis 7, C. Matthews 8, R. Sanders 9, R. Deal 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Thursday, June 10th, at the Catholic Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Dodds 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, P. M. Freeman 3, J. F. Moor 4, M. R. D. Harford 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, S. E. Darmon 7, R. Leigh 8. For the installation of Field Marshal Smuts as Chancellor of the University.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. S. Roberts 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, W. Sanders 3, Miss J. E. Withey 4, G. W. Taysom 5, Miss M. L. Lidgey 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, E. Sanders 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples, which was Miss J. E. Withey's first on eight as conductor.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Jackson (first quarter) 1, E. Taylor 2, F. Taylor 3, W. Upton 4, A. Jackson 5, E. Drake 6, A. Drake (cond.) 7, W. G. Scott 8. A 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CHELSEA, LONDON. — At St. Luke's on June 13th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, W. A. Theobald 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, H. G. Andrews 5, R. H. Begrie 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, A. F. Udall 8, J. Bullock 9, C. Bartlett 10.

CLUTTON, GLOS. — On June 13th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: T. Rogers (14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, C. Bennett (cond.) 3, J. Naish 4, J. Brooks 5, H. Parsons 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: E. C. Pearson 1, J. W. Barber 2, W. Watson 3, I. D. Harris 4, W. J. Cross 5, H. H. Alexander 6, E. E. Pearson 7, G. F. Burton (first as cond.) 8. First in method by 3, 4, 5 and 7.

DODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Manning (first quarter) 1, J. H. Webb 2, E. G. Orland (cond.) 3, H. Haynes 4, G. Webb 5, V. A. Perry 6. In memoriam the Rev. Tate-Lovery, for 12 years Vicar.

ELY.—On June 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor (on the back 7): I. M. Waters (first quarter) 1, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 2, Miss M. Grain (first 'inside') 3, J. B. Rowsell 4, O. A. Needham 5, R. H. Bullen 6, G. Vail 7. First quarter rung at Ely by local band.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On June 13th, 1,320 Doubles (720 April Day, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Naish 1, W. J. Gait (cond.) 2, J. Brooks 3, Mrs. E. Ford 4, J. Naish 5, Miss A. Wareham (first quarter) 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Callard 1, J. Arbury 2, Miss O. Pring 3, J. Salway 4, W. D. Ashdown 5, C. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 6.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On June 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. J. Paice (cond.) 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, J. Phillips 4, W. S. Langdon 5, H. J. Ranzetta 6, T. G. Myers 7, G. F. Green 8, A. B. Wiffen 9, F. E. Collins 10. A farewell to G. E. Green, who is leaving London for Wicken.

LANE END BUCKS. — On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Duffell 1, W. Woodward 2, W. Avery (cond.) 3, K. Seymour 4, R. Wright 5, N. Tanner (first in method) 6. For the wedding of Mr. E. Meakes (nephew of Mr. J. Meakes, captain of the tower) and Miss V. Harris.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On June 13th, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. Andrews 3, E. Ambrose 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Offord 6, L. Poulson 7, L. G. Pryke 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Walker 1, E. Jones 2, L. Chislett 3, S. Ball 4, J. Bennett (cond.) 5, P. Andre 6, W. Packer 7, J. Dafters 8.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Muddiman 1, C. Green 2, H. Haynes 3, A. R. Wykes 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 4.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On June 13th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Keeley 1, C. Poole 2, J. Morris 3, S. H. Green 4, C. W. Powell 5, E. Hawker 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Barrett 8.

NOTTINGHAM. — On June 6th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hardy 1, G. E. Padgett 2, R. A. Aley 3, H. Parfarment 4, F. A. Salter 5, J. A. Barratt 6, W. Nichols (first as cond.) 7, P. Clarke (first quarter) 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's on June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob: E. Warner 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Mounfield 3, G. Bush 4, E. Dawson 5, W. H. Waldron (cond.) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Duguid 1, Miss C. Burbidge 2, Miss H. Dale 3, J. D. Harris 4, F. W. Rogers 5, M. Causley 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Packer 1, J. L. Morris 2, J. H. Arlet 39, D. Beveridge 4, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 5, R. Streek 6. Average age, excluding conductor, 14.

SCORTON, LANCS. — On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Anderton (first quarter) 1, J. Woods 2, E. Swain 3, S. Woods 4, F. Postlethwaite 5, J. Metcalf 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, T. H. Moss (first quarter) 8.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's on May 30th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, C. F. Sayer 3, H. G. Mason (first in method 'inside') 4, H. V. Frost 5, B. C. Johnson 6, G. W. Debenham 7, T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung in honour of birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Darvill.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Hill 1, Miss D. Tomlinson (first quarter) 2, H. Hill 3, Miss M. Lambert (first quarter) 4, F. Hill 5, S. Martin (first as cond.) 6. For the coming-of-age of the ringer of the second.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. E. Roberts (first of Caters) 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, A. G. Wells 3, F. J. Daniell 4, H. W. Bishop 5, E. J. Berry 6, T. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 8, W. W. Daniell 9, F. Vincent 10.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Finch (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, H. Smith 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, F. C. Maynard 6, C. T. Coles 7, F. Taylor 8.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 180 Single Oxford, 360 Plain Bob): G. E. Watson 1, Miss Jean Briggs (first quarter) 2, E. W. Chester (first quarter) 3, Mrs. G. E. Watson 4, A. Gibbs 5, E. E. Whitmore (cond.) 6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET. — On May 30th, 1,227 Grandsire Caters: B. Chard 1, H. H. Yeates 2, T. Ferris 3, W. H. Kingcott 4, T. Brice 5, A. E. Ferris 6, D. Yeo (first on 10) 1, W. Hobbs 8, H. W. Knight (cond.) 9, C. H. Vowles 10.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On June 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Pugh 1, Miss F. Poole 2, T. E. Marks 3, W. H. Poole 4, R. Field 5, W. E. Turner 6, A. C. Jeanes 7, G. Saunders 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, F. Brinson 10. First of Caters for 1, 5, 8 and 10.

Kent County Association

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

War-scarred Dover was the venue for the latest Canterbury District meeting, held on June 26th.

Favoured with fine warm weather, the meeting attracted some 90 members and friends, 21 towers in the district being represented, together with ringers from Appledore, Frindsbury and Brabourne.

Ringing was held prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Stanley Cooper, who also gave a helpful address.

Tea was held in the Civic Restaurant. One new member was elected, and thanks were expressed to the Vicar and to Mr. Charles Turner, who had made the local arrangements. It was decided to send the day's collection (£2) to the Parker Memorial Fund.

A handbell display (change ringing, chimes and tunes) was held in the Church Hall. Teams taking part came from Faversham, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Dunstan's, Ringwould, Dover and Appledore.

MR. JOHN WORTH'S 400 PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 6 (5); Stedman 1 (1); Minor, 1 to 84 methods 101 (65).

Triples.—Grandsire 16 (14); Stedman 5 (4).

Major.—Plain Bob 33 (24); Kent Treble Bob 17 (10); Oxford Treble Bob 4 (4); Little Bob 1; Carisbrook Delight 1 (1); Double Norwich C.B. 25 (17); Cambridge Surprise 40 (29); Superlative Surprise 9 (7); Bristol Surprise 35 (30); London Surprise 30 (23); Rochester Surprise 2 (2); Staffordshire Surprise 2 (1); Norfolk Surprise 2 (2); Yorkshire Surprise 5 (4); Lincolnshire Surprise 1 (1); Manchester Surprise 1 (1); Pudsey 1 (1); Aldenham 1 (1); Spliced Surprise up to 4 methods 3 (2).

Royal.—Plain Bob 7 (4); Kent Treble Bob 7 (4); Oxford Treble Bob 4 (4); Cambridge Surprise 9 (5). Caters.—Grandsire 7 (6); Stedman 9 (8); Erin 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2 (1); Stedman 9 (8).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2 (1); Kent Treble Bob 4 (2); Oxford Treble Bob 1; Cambridge Surprise 2 (1).

Total: 400, conducted 285.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

By F. BENNETT, BRIGHTON.

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RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX. — On June 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Poulter (first of Major) 1, Elsie Savory 2, G. M. Kilby 3, P. Thrift (first of Major) 4, W. Bunce 5, F. Leach 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Picthall 8.

LATE NOTICES

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Coddenham, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3804

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Maiden Newton, July 24th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by July 19th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 3800

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Will conductors calling peals for the Essex Association please send all reports and compositions to R. Suckling (Peals Sec.), 27, Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex. 3773

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, Kent. Every Thursday, 6-7.30 p.m., 'lashed' practice for beginners; 7.30-9 p.m., ordinary 'open' practice, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. The last Thursday in each month will be set aside especially for Society members. All are welcome at all practices. Sunday ringing 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. For further particulars write to Frank C. W. Knight, 4, Cambray Road, Orpington, Kent.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 3782

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch. — Annual meeting, Banbury (10), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. 3711

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, July 10th, at Lindfield. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea, Cuckfield, 4.15. Bells after tea. Names by July 3rd, please. Trains to Haywards Heath: 1.24 from London Bridge; 1.28 and 1.45 from Victoria. Buses from Haywards Heath to Lindfield: 2.3, 2.11, 2.30, 2.41. —A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn (8), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 3720

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. and N. Divisions.—Joint meeting at Great Tey on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 3734

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Guilden Morden, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea follows.—K. Willers, Acting Secretary. 3750

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. 3748

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), July 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton Ely. 3747

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Matlock, July 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Committee 4 p.m., Church Hall. Bring food, cups of tea Church Hall 5.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. General Secretary. 3764

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Terrington St. Clement (8), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5. — W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3767

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), July 10th. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. Bartle, The George and Dragon, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 3760

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Paulton, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 3757

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Leigh, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea early to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 3753

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, July 17th, not July 10th, owing to the gymkhana in the Park. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3772

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, District Sec. 3762

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Meeting at All Saints', Harrow Weald, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 3776

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Tea tickets from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, not later than July 13th. No ticket no tea.—H. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 3774

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, July 17th. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. (preacher, Rev. Canon H. Pickles, Rural Dean of Woodstock). Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m.; tickets 5s. Ringing, Cathedral (12); Colleges, New (10), Magdalen (10), Merton (8); Churches, St. Ebbe's (8), St. Giles' (8), Holywell (6), Carfax (6), St. Aldate's (6), St. Thomas' (6), Iffley (6). To make our beautiful service even more impressive, would choristers please bring their cassocks and surplices and proceed to vestry at 10.45 a.m. — William Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 3674

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting at Bishop's Stortford (St. Michael's), Saturday, July 17th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must reach me before Tuesday, July 13th. No name no tea.—H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3756

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Worthen (6), July 17th, 2.30 p.m. Buses from Claremont Street at 1.30, 3, 3.30, 4. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—C. A. Barron. Hon. Sec. 3754

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Pulborough (8), July 17th, 3. Names for tea by 14th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3779

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at Titchfield. Usual times. Tea and meeting in Parish Room. Names by 13th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield. 3781

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, July 17th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea by Thursday previous to C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 3728

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wraxall, Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.30. —Percy G. Yeo. 3780

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 15th to Mr. T. W. Dobson, 181 Oxford Road, West Hartlepool. 3779

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Warwick, St. Mary's (10 bells), Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 at Warwick Restaurant, followed by business in Church Vestry. Names for tea by Wednesday, 14th, without fail to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gypsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 3778

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. —Meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at St. Albans. St. Stephen's (6), 2.30 p.m. St. Michael's (6), 6.30 p.m. Tea at Nell Gwynn Tea Rooms (St. Michael's) at approx. 5.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3784

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Haslingden, July 17th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3786

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Monthly meeting, Woodchurch (6), Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—A. J. Martin. 3787

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Lowick, July 17th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Tuesday. — G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 3788

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Upton-Grey, Saturday, July 17th, 2.30. Names for tea by July 14th to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 3793

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Dinder, Saturday, July 17th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3790

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Syston and Melton Districts.—Ashby-Folville (8), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than July 14th to H. Morton, 13, Forest Avenue, Thurmaston. 3701

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross (6), July 17th, 3. Service 4:15. Notification for tea (5 p.m.) by 14th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 3796

WORCESTERSHIRE (Northern).—Meeting, Claverly, Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. Tickets for tea from Fred Bennett, Poole House Road, Wombourne. No ticket no tea.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 3797

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Eastrington (6), July 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. Crossland, 2, New Villas, Eastrington, by July 14th. 3799

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Rededication of St. Andrew's bells after restoration, Friday, July 23rd. Service 7.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Bells available on Saturday, July 24th, from 3 p.m. onwards. All ringers welcome.—G. Ditton, Hon. Sec., 36, St. Andrew Street, Hertford. 3709

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury, July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 3789

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 24th. Details next week. Names for tea not later than Monday, 19th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3794

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual tour to Norwich on July 24th. Bus leaves St. Paul's, Bedford, 7 a.m. A few vacant seats.—S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 3795

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Wymeswold, July 24th. Bells (6) 3. Tea and meeting, Brown's Cafe, 5. Names by July 17th.—C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield. 3792

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BEOLEY, NEAR REDDITCH, WORCS.—Thanksgiving service, Saturday, July 31st. Service 3. Bells (6) after service. Tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Gethin, Tower Sec., Lilley Green, Alvechurch, near Birmingham. 3783

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch). — Preliminary notice.—A combined meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at the following towers: Bagshot, Farnborough, Hawley, Finchamstead, Sandhurst, Yateley, Yorktown. Service and tea at Yorktown. A 32-seater coach will run between towers. Full details later. Note altered date. 3727

RUPERT RICHARDSON MEMORIAL TABLETS.—The dedication of the above tablets will take place at Surfleet on Saturday, Sept. 4th, 1948, at a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. Tea for only those who obtain a ticket from Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, before August 28th. Prelim. notice. 3736

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The next general meeting of the Association will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, September 18th, instead of September 25th. Will all district secretaries and members please note?—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3798

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NOMENCLATURE: II

BY ANDREW J. CORRIGAN.

A FERTILE cause of unsuitable names is the obsession of method constructors with so-called 'extensions,' about which Mr. H. G. Cashmore wrote some weeks ago. Few indeed are the Royal or Maximus Surprise methods which do not purport to be enlarged versions of existing eight-bell methods, though the resemblance is usually only apparent to the fond eyes of their inventors. There are already six 'London Royals' before the Exercise, with an equal number of Bristols—not one of them generally accepted. It is reasonably certain that the refusal of the Central Council to recognise one of the London extensions would be interpreted to embrace all of them if the matter was ever forced to a decision.

There have been many acrimonious discussions about principles of extension which leave the average Surprise ringer cold. He knows that, apart from the Cambridge family, no principle is likely to give him a recognisable Royal or Maximus from any Major he is able to ring. But the chief disadvantage of the obsession with extensions is its cramping effect upon composers. As was pointed out in 'The Ringing World' during the war years, there are some true extensions from combinations or Majors in the Cambridge family which will not fit on eight bells. Two of them have since been rung—Albanian and Prittlewell. How many more methods of greater than eight-bell scope might not our experts have given us if they had thrown off the shackles of Major?

In collecting Royal and Maximus Surprise methods for my next publication I have come across some data which indicate the cramping effect on method construction that I have just referred to. In a perfectly extensible method, Cambridge Maximus, there are 60 places made in each lead which are distributed as follows: 1st, 13; 2nd, 3; 3rd to 10th, 4 each; 11th, 1; 12th, 11. Yorkshire Maximum has 56 places: 1st, 13; 2nd, 5; 3rd, 4; 4th, 2; 5th-8th, 4 each; 9th, 2; 10th, 2; 11th, 1; 12th, 11. Now let us take Clacton Surprise. The Major has 44 places in a lead: 1st, 11; 3rd, 4; 4th, 10; 5th, 7; 6th, 2; 8th, 10. Lindoff's own extension of Clacton to Maximus has 68 places: 1st, 19; 3rd, 4; 4th, 18; 5th, 11; 6th, 2; 12th, 14. In other words, the places are all made in the same six positions as in Major, no place ever being made in 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th.

The same is true of other composers. Here is the analysis of 14 Surprise Maximus extensions taken from my notes. Total places made in one lead each from the 14 methods, 860, distributed as follows: 1st, 252; 2nd, 36; 3rd, 82; 4th, 199; 5th, 100; 6th, 20; 7th, 0; 8th, 0; 9th, 0; 10th, 0; 11th, 1; 12th, 170. Of these 14 methods, 10 have all their places in 6 positions and 4 have them in 7 positions. No less than almost half the total places are made in 3rd, 4th and 5th; indeed, there are four-fifths as many made in 4th as in 1st. What sort of recognisable 'extension' can possibly arise from such an absurd and lopsided treatment of the place-making? It can only give snippets of the Major work strung together with dodging hunt or plain hunt across six positions in the rows.

A saner attitude towards extensions would enable us to effect two epochal revolutions in 10- and 12-bell Surprise ringing. It would give us Royal and Maximus methods with a wider scope than is attainable so long as we insist upon squeezing 10 and 12 bells into an 8-bell mould. From the astronomical number of right-place Surprise Royal and Maximus methods awaiting discovery we might abolish backhanders on the higher numbers. Places wrong are forced upon us by our retermination to imitate the limitations of Major in 10- and 12-bell methods. Moreover, this change for the better would abolish a lot of our present misnomers.

Note to Correspondents.—The remarks in this column apply to Surprise methods only. They are not to be interpreted as suggesting, for example, the abolition of the characteristic Kent places wrong in Treble Bob Royal and Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	*Treble*	JOHN ANDERSON	6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...	2	†THOMAS W. CROWE ...	7
W. NORMAN PARK ...	3	ARNOLD BRUNTON ...	8
ERNEST WALLACE	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	9
*H. STANLEY GRISDALE...	5	ADAM DEAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*MRS. J. COTTERELL	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	6
*SIDNEY BRIGGS	2	‡*ALAN CATTELL	7
‡*FREDK. J. STIMSON ...	3	*GEORGE W. CREASEY ...	8
†CLEMENT GLENN	4	FREDK. A. SALTER ...	9
*WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	5	‡*BERNARD H. DALTON...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
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Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	5
*W. WILGRESS MILLER...	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	3	ALBERT E. WHITING ...	7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	4	LESLIE G. BRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First attempt for a peal of Cambridge.

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ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	ARTHUR ROLFE	6
STANLEY G. ELSEY ...	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
†JOHN FOX	4	EDWARD BARKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.
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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
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DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
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Pritchard's Variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

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Conducted by ALFRED G. WILLIAMS.
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LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SALT ...	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	2	THOMAS E. HARROLD ...	6
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	3	EDWIN JENNINGS	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¾ cwt.

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JOHN HAYES	2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD...	6
GEORGE A. PACKER ...	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	PERCY SWINDLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
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Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	GEORGE STOCKER	5
MRS. A. DISERENS ...	2	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	6
*GEORGE DAVIS	3	REGINALD W. REX ...	7
NOEL J. DISERENS ...	4	REGINALD F. CROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE...	*Treble*	JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	5
*RAYMOND LYDSTER ...	2	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	6
CHARLES H. WEBB ...	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
JAMES F. CLARKE ...	4	JOHN THOMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Lydster and Miss M. Beamish, of Nuneaton.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*KENNETH L. BROWN	*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	5
*ARTHUR JONES	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
*J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
*JACK KING	4	FREDK. A. FINCH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ...	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ...	2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE...	7
CYRIL J. BARBER	4	WILLIAM J. FLATT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

GEORGE GILBERT	*Treble*	BERNARD C. CASTLE ...	5
*MRS. JOAN A. RANCE...	2	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	6
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	3	†ARTHUR J. N. RANCE ...	7
*MRS. VIOLET N. CASTLE	4	DAVID H. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CYRIL TABENER ...	*Treble*	GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	5
ALAN F. THIRST	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.
In memoriam the Rev. A. T. Bennett, formerly Vicar of Trysall, Staffs. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Regular Six-part No. 3. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in A.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Treble*	*THOMAS SIMMONS ...	5
CHARLES H. MOORE ...	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
GEORGE BAILEY	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	GEORGE SAYER ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. Composition contains extent of 4-5-6 in 5-6 at course-ends and 2-3 never in 6ths, and is the first regular 54-course six-part to be rung with these qualities in the method.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HERBERT CORNELIUS	*Treble*	ALBERT H. DRAYTON ...	5
REGINALD BEALE	2	REGINALD WELCH	6
FREDERICK WELCH ...	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
DENNIS BEST	4	ALBERT BAILEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. LOCKE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 28, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT...	*Tenor*

Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.
Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.
In memoriam Monsignor John Canon Roskell, priest at St. Chad's 1911, administrator 1919-1948.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ...	2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	4	HENRY T. MACEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
For the installation of the Vicar (Canon W. J. Smith) as Hon. Canon in Portsmouth Cathedral.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	WALTER C. MEDLER ...	5
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
†OWEN NEEDHAM ...	3	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	7
MISS EILEEN BRACEY ...	4	NOLAN GOLDEN ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
*** First peal on tower bells. † First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb.**

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	6
†MISS MURIEL REAY ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FLORRIE WYMAN ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	KENNETH SNELLING ...	6
LEONARD STILWELL ...	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 30, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDGAR WHITELEY	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
PAUL BIRKETT	2	ALBERT PICKLES	6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
*DONALD R. MARSHALL...	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER	*Treble*	SAMUEL C. WALKER ...	5
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON...	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
ERNEST WALLACE	3	ADAM DEAS	7
JOHN ANDERSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first for the Association by a resident band.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM PROCTOR ...	5
*JAMES LITTLEFAIR ...	2	RICHARD BLAKEY	6
FRED READ	3	*CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	VICTOR J. WOOD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by C. W. BLAKEY.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 11 cwt.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	4	*JOHN E. LLOYD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* First peal of Stedman.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR HIBBERT ...	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	2	JOHN WORTH	6
JAMES A. MILNER	3	CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all the band. Rung as a farewell peal to the curate, the Rev. Basil Hamer, LL.B., M.A.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR H. EVERETT	*Treble*	*SYDNEY C. EASTER	5
*CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD	2	*ARTHUR EDWARDS	6
*PETER CHILDS	3	*LEONARD DAY	7
REGINALD C. THRIFT	4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.
* First in method. First in method as conductor.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes, ,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	JAMES MCCLUSKEY	5
*JAMES THORLEY	2	*ERNEST J. PADGETT	6
*LUCY MOTTISHAW	3	*HAROLD WAGSTAFF	7
*LAURA MOTTISHAW	4	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*ERNEST DALE	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. THORPE	5
ARTHUR MACKEARS	2	*ARTHUR C. LYGO	6
WALTER WHITE	3	*CECIL G. KNAPP	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	*STEPHEN LOACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Triples.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST	5
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	2	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First Surprise peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HAROLD WILLETT	*Treble*	F. ALBERT REA	4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY	2	CHARLES J. CAMM	5
*FRANK SALTER	3	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur I. Blizard a ringer at this tower) and Miss M. Phillips, of Malvern.

WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY SCOFFIN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. MANSER	4
SAMUEL H. SUTTON	2	JACK PETCH	5
JOHN I. SMITH	3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
First peal on the bells.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, 10 callings, and 12 six-scores of Stedman, six callings.

ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Treble*	†JAMES L. WRIGHT	4
*MISS MURIEL REAY	2	†JOHN ASHCROFT	5
†HARRY COOPER	3	*JOHN PLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

DENVER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ARTHUR DUNGAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR ROLFE	4
*STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	EDWARD BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

MARTIN, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS EVELYN WRIGHT	*Treble*	MISS BETTY BROWN	4
†CHARLES E. BROWN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' The conductor has now called peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
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, each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*ROBERT A. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*T. MARK WHITE	4
WM. J. ROBINSON	2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	5
ERIC B. HARTLEY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor.

CALVERLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Sat., June 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

JAMES D. UPTON	*Treble*	†RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4
*ERNEST W. RICHARDS	2	PERCY J. MAYNE	5
†LESLIE E. PARRIS	3	†WILLIAM H. WARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY J. MAYNE.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung by members of St. Peter's, Tiverton, band, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Woodley, who will soon be celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun, June 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 22 extents of Grandsire and 10 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	*ROBERT G. FISHER	3
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT	2	HENRY TOOKE	4
LEONARD G. TOOKE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Doubles. To celebrate the centenary of St. Peter's School.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with seven variations of callings.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*M. G. COLLINS (13)	*Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY	4
†E. G. D. TONKIN (14)	2	BENJAMIN STEPNEY	5
‡WM. M. STEPNEY (13)	3	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First of Minor. † First 'inside.' ‡ First 'inside' and of Minor.

DAMERHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents.

*LESLIE G. HARRIS	*Treble*	JACK MUSSELL	4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	2	MICHAEL R. O. HARFORD	5
COLIN W. REED	3	BRIAN R. TILLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. TILLER.
* First peal of Minor.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Norfolk Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Robert Howard ...	...*Treble*	*John P. Morriss ...	4
Albert H. Bennett ...	2	*George R. Dawson ...	5
†William B. Dawson ...	3	Cyril Wander	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Wander.
* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. T. Higgins, sidesman.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent of Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, two extents each of Old Doubles, April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 10 of Plain Bob and 25 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Miss Bessie Carter ...	*Treble*	*Fredk. G. Beddow ...	4
*Frederick Leech ...	2	†Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
*John F. Butler	3	*Herbert Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward V. Rodenhurst.
* First peal in six methods. † First of Doubles in six methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

Miss Gwen D. Murkitt	*Treble*	Miss Mary R. Pemberton	4
Miss Mary R. Jaycock	2	Miss Freda Murkitt ...	5
*Miss Joyce Hearn ...	3	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert.
* First peal in seven methods. First seven-method peal by the post-war members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks. Rung as a farewell to Joyce on her departure for Canada.

HANDBELL PEALS

LLANDILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Teilo's Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

R. E. Scudmore	1-2	W. F. Scudamore	3-4
		*A. Reynolds	5-6

Conducted by W. F. Scudamore.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire for all. First peal to be rung in hand for the Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 27, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 36 *minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young	1-2	Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4
		Daniel T. Matkin	5-6

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BEDFORD.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 27, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At 1, Burnaby Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Betty Spice	1-2	Richard F. B. Speed ...	3-4
		*Frances A. Edgar ...	5-6

Conducted by Betty Spice.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

TRING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 28, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes,*
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Single Court and six extents of Plain Bob.

*Miss R. M. Minall ...	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton	3-4
		*Miss Brenda Fells ...	5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.
* First peal in two methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The retirement of Mr. H. Knight, after having acted as hon. lay secretary for 40 years to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, cannot be permitted to pass unnoticed. Such honorable service is recorded with thankfulness. Mr. Knight has the good wishes of his many friends for long years of happy retirement.

This is a vintage year for Mr. George E. Fearn. He has already rung 50 peals in 1948!

Applications for back numbers of 'The Ringing World' should be addressed to the Editor.

Congratulations to Mr. Albert J. Lancefield, of South Willesborough, Kent, on his 100th peal.

Hellingly has of late been frequently in the 'quarter' column. The first in Minor has now been rung on the bells by a local band.

First to 'circle' Chilvers Coton tower is Mr. F. E. Pervin. He kept the treble to last and rang it in a peal of Plain Bob Royal on July 5th.

Extracts from our editorial on 'Other Things' dealing with Patrington Church and the quotation of Andrew Marvell was reproduced in 'The Hull Daily Mail.' Ringing does interest the outside world.

There should have been a footnote to the asterisk in the peal of Plain Bob Major 'in hand' at Oxford on June 21st to the effect that it was the first peal (and incidentally her first attempt for a peal) of Miss Ruth M. K. How.

For the information of visitors, the Frome branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association have London Surprise practices at Chewton on the second Wednesday and at Mells on the fourth Wednesday of the summer months. The intervening Wednesdays are occupied by Double Norwich and Stedman practices at Mells.

Mr. P. A. Corby's Devon tour was most successful. Some 17 ringers participated in 18 tower peal attempts, of which 13 were successful. There were also three handbell peals.

The success of the tour was largely due to Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who made the local arrangements. His services were most comprehensive and even included writing a letter to the wife of one of the party who was too exhausted after his ringing activities!

The treble wheel of Eynsford, Kent, has been removed for repairs, and it is unlikely that it will be back in time for the Lewisham District meeting on the 24th inst.

Mr. George Henry Daynes celebrated his 78th birthday by calling a quarter of his own composition of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. John's, Deptford, on July 4th. Ringers: R. G. Long 1, F. W. Richardson 2, P. G. Parrott 3, J. Warner, jun. 4, J. E. Warner, sen. 5, T. A. Easterby 6, E. B. Crowder 7, G. H. Daynes 8. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 5.

To hand is a letter from Mr. James George (now 94), of 118, Rossmore Road, Parkstone, Dorset, enclosing a peal of Grandsire Caters which he composed over 50 years ago without singles. It was published in 'The Bell News' on August 8th, 1896, and was rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the conductor being Mr. Herbert Langdon.

Mr. Gordon Walford, of Wellington, Somerset, rang his farewell quarter on July 6th at Langford Budville, Somerset, before joining the Army. These bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1930, and the old oak frame, dating from 1753, is still in use. It was 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by D. M. Bellamy 1, E. V. Barrington 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, D. T. North 4, C. J. Stevens 5, H. G. Sparks 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

THE history of the above Society began with a preliminary meeting of clergymen and ringers of the City of Lichfield on Thursday, May 17th, 1883, held in the home of Archdeacon Iles, in the Close, to consider the desirability of forming a Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It was then unanimously agreed that such should be formed, having for its objects:—

(a) The recognition of the position of ringers as church workers.

(b) The promotion of the art of change ringing.

(c) Belfry reform.

It was further decided that a meeting should be held forthwith for the purpose of constituting such a society.

A meeting of change ringers was accordingly held on June 2nd in the Cathedral belfry, the Ven. Archdeacon Iles in the chair. Members of the chief ringing bands in the Archdeaconry were present, and it was unanimously resolved to form the Society and a draft of the rules was drawn up.

The first general meeting was held at Lichfield on June 30th, at which the rules were approved and the officers and committee for the ensuing year elected. It was decided that the year should run from midsummer to midsummer, and that the annual meeting should be held on the Saturday nearest to Midsummer Day. Quarterly meetings were arranged and the following places chosen: West Bromwich, Wolverhampton and Walsall. It was felt that these quarterly meetings would do much to awaken an interest in the art of change ringing in various centres, and also to set forth to ringers the real nature of their work as to be done to the glory of God.

Officers for the first year were: President, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Stafford; hon. treasurer, the Rev. J. J. Serjeantson; hon. secretaries, the Rev. J. R. Keble and Mr. W. A. Wood; committee, Col. Bagnall, the Rev. R. Hodgson, the Rev. H. E. Butler, Messrs. F. Cope, B. Dalton, S. Reeves and G. Robinson.

At the end of the first year there were one honorary and 65 ringing members.

FIRST PEALS.

The first peals to be rung by members of the newly-formed Society were as follows:—

Grandsire Triples, at All Saints', West Bromwich, November 24th, 1883, conducted by Samuel Reeves.

Grandsire Major, All Saints', West Bromwich, December 8th, 1883, T. Meredith.

Bob Minor, Wombourn, November 23rd, 1885, R. Cartwright.

Grandsire Caters, Christ Church, West Bromwich, February 17th, 1887, S. Reeves.

Stedman Triples, All Saints', West Bromwich, September 18th, 1886, S. Reeves.

Bob Triples, Tipton, May 22nd, 1888, G. Hughes.

Bob Major, Tipton, May 31st, 1888, G. Hughes.

Stedman Caters, Christ Church, West Bromwich, April 23rd, 1889, Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Union Triples, Perry Barr, April 18th, 1891, W. Long.

Darlaston Bob Triples, Darlaston, November 10th, 1891, J. Carter.

Kent Treble Bob Major, Tipton, January 2nd, 1892, J. Carter.

Canterbury Pleasure Major, Tipton, May 14th, 1892, J. Carter.

Bob Royal, Dudley, March 21st, 1893, J. Carter.

Forward Royal, Wolverhampton, June 24th, 1893, J. Carter.

Kent Treble Bob Royal, Dudley, October 2nd, 1893, J. Carter.

Superlative Surprise Major, Handsworth, November 25th, 1893, R. E. Grove.

Grandsire Royal, Dudley, December 21st, 1893, J. Carter.

Grandsire Cinques, West Bromwich, March 12th, 1894, S. Reeves.

Double Norwich C.B. Major, Tipton, October 12th, 1895, J. Carter.

Bob Caters, Dudley, December 17th, 1895, W. Micklewright.

Forward Major, Tipton, January 18th, 1896, J. Carter.

Oxford Bob Triples, Wolverhampton, May 24th, 1897, J. E. Groves.

Stedman Cinques, West Bromwich, February 22nd, 1902, S. Reeves.

Cambridge Surprise Major, Handsworth, November 10th, 1906, A. E. Pegler.

Double Oxford Bob Major, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, May 23rd, 1908, R. Matthews.

Double Oxford Bob Royal, Wednesbury, January 2nd, 1909, J. Pigott (first ever rung).

Norfolk Surprise Major, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, November 20th, 1909, R. Matthews.

Bristol Surprise Major, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, August 27th, 1910, R. Matthews.

London Surprise Major, Sedgley, June 24th, 1911, R. Matthews.

Erin Cinques, West Bromwich, September 23rd, 1911, J. E. Groves (first ever rung).

Erin Triples, Wood Green, February 3rd, 1912, A. J. Wallater.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Wolverhampton, May 25th, 1912, R. Matthews.

Bob Maximus, Wolverhampton, May 12th, 1913, W. Fisher.

Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Walsall, November 29th, 1913, T. J. Elton.



LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Double Norwich C.B. Caters, Wolverhampton, March 7th, 1914, J. Pigott.

Erin Caters, Wednesbury, March 13th, 1915, G. Hughes.

Oxford Bob Major, Church Lancs, April 14th, 1928, L. J. Williams.

Cambridge Surprise Minor, Shareshill, Dec. 30th, 1930, F. W. Perrens.

Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Walsall, Mar. 29th, 1932, W. Pye.

Little Bob Major, Tipton, April 7th, 1934, B. Horton.

Staffordshire Surprise Major, Tettenhall, December 5th, 1936, W. Fisher (first in county).

Yorkshire Surprise Major, Church Stretton, August 14th, 1938, F. Bennett.

Cambridge Surprise Royal, Wednesbury, August 17th, 1938, J. C. E. Simpson.

JUBILEE MEETING.

The annual (jubilee) meeting was held at Lichfield, and was attended by well over 100 members and friends. The Very Rev. Dean Savage gave an impressive address at the service in the Cathedral. Both the Dean and Alderman W. A. Wood (Mayor of Lichfield, who was the first lay secretary of the Society) gave the members a hearty welcome to Lichfield and good wishes for the future welfare of the Society.

In order to commemorate the jubilee of the Society's existence, a dinner was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on November 4th, 1933, and was attended by 150 members and visitors from various parts of the country. The Lord Bishop of Lichfield (the Right Rev. J. A. Kempthorne) presided.

A pleasing little ceremony was performed at the conclusion of the business at the annual meeting, on July 7th, 1934, when the Ven. Archdeacon Hugh Bright made a presentation of a gold bell-shaped pendant to Mr. H. Knight, accompanied by a cheque—subscribed by members—in recognition of his services as honorary lay secretary for 26 years.

Clerical secretaries from the formation of the Society include: Rev. J. R. Keble, Rev. D. Jones, 1892; Rev. T. W. Wilkes, 1903; Rev. T. Tennison, 1906; Rev. E. V. Cox, 1909; Rev. J. A. Price, 1915; Rev. C. H. Barker, 1916 (to present date). Lay secretaries: Mr. W. A. Wood (for two years); Mr. Samuel Reeves (23 years); Mr. Herbert Knight (1908 to present date).

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES.

8,009 Grandsire Caters, Wolverhampton, April 3rd, 1893, J. Carter; on handbells, Grandsire Triples, Wolverhampton, June 5th, 1898, J. E. Groves; 11,563 Grandsire Caters, Wolverhampton, May 22nd, 1899, J. E. Groves; Grandsire Triples, St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, August 20th, 1904, J. E. Groves (ringing 3rd and 4th bells); first in the country, Stedman Triples (Thurstans' One-part), St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, October 12th, 1907, H. Knight (blindfold); silent peal (Holt's Original), Christ Church, West Bromwich, November 20th, 1909; Stedman Cinques (handbells), Birmingham, December 16th, 1920, F. W. Perrens; Stedman Caters (handbells), Wolverhampton, December 31st, 1927, H. Knight; silent peal (Stedman Triples), Brewood, September 6th, 1930; jubilee peal (Cambridge Surprise Major), rung by past and present officers, at Tettenhall, November 25th, 1933, H. Knight; grandfathers' peal (Grandsire Triples), Willenhall, March 18th, 1939, C. Wallater.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canterbury Cathedral Tenor

Dear Sir,—With reference to the weight of the tenor, I have turned back the pages of the Kent Report for many years and find they all give the weight as 30 cwt. in C.

I should like to explain my view on this. On many occasions I had conversation with Canon F. J. O. Helmore, for many years the president of the Association. He appeared to have a peculiarity (like many ringers) about the weight of a bell, and I firmly believe that if he formed an opinion that the tenor at Canterbury was 30 cwt. in C, nothing would alter it. I have no doubt that into the report it would go, and, having been once inserted, it was copied year after year. Nobody would wish to contradict the report without they had good ground to stand on.

The question has been reopened, and Mr. Bert Luck has given the particulars shown in the belfry as 34 cwt., while Mr. Peter Small has given them 33 cwt. These particulars need a slight correction, but must not be ignored, as it is of the utmost importance for the future of those ringing at the Cathedral. If the particulars stated are shown in the belfry they are the authority of those who cast the bells, and it is unwise for any individual ringer (no matter what opinion he has) to interfere with those particulars now they have been established. CHARLES TURNER.

Dover, Kent.

THE CARILLON

Dear Sir,—There is an unfortunate tendency to apply the term 'carillon' loosely to all chimes of bells, irrespective of their range or the method employed to sound them. A typical example of this occurred with the memorial chime at St. Mary's, Taunton, when the local reporters came out with the headline, 'Taunton's New Carillon.' In actual fact there are, I believe, three semi-tone bells added to the ring of twelve, the whole merely hammering out melodies, as expressive as a child haltingly playing a piano with one finger. Such ignorance is excusable in the popular press, but one does not expect 'The Ringing World' freely to employ the words 'chime' and 'carillon' as thought they were synonymous.

The appellation 'carillon' is reserved for a *minimum* of 25 bells, chromatically tuned, and played from a clavier; there may be a mechanical playing device as well, but that is immaterial. The installation at All Hallows', Barking, may have a keyboard, but it only has 18 bells, and should, therefore, be referred to as a chime. Carillon music as understood by the Mechlin School cannot be performed on it.—Yours faithfully, E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford (cont.)

There are three rings of twelve bells in the Archdeaconry (which is unique for such a comparatively small area), viz.: West Bromwich (Christ Church), Wolverhampton and Walsall.

Bell restorations and augmentations have been numerous during the period under review.

Among the pioneers must be mentioned the name of Samuel Reeves, who, besides acting as lay secretary for 23 years, conducted many peals for the Society, as did also James E. Groves, the Society's first Ringing Master. Robert Matthews, too, was a 'live wire'; during 1909-10 he conducted many Surprise peals, several of which were the first for the Society.

The number of members within the area is 250, which includes some promising young conductors.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS. —On June 27th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Powell 1, B. Picknell 2, H. Howl 3, E. Marlow 4, J. R. Cotterill 5, E. J. Tyler 6, M. G. Turner (cond.) 7, G. Evans 8.

The Aldbourne Foundry

Dear Sir, — With reference to recent correspondence regarding the Cors of Aldbourne, Wiltshire, and other local bellfounders. In January, 1942, I gave some account in 'The Ringing World' of the Aldbourne foundry and its production of musical handbells. For the benefit of new readers, however, a brief list of its owners is appended, together with totals of the approximate number of tower bells cast by them, and their earliest and latest *known* dates:—

WILLIAM AND ROBERT COR (87 bells).
Earliest bell: Berwick Bassett, Wilts, 1694.
Latest bell: Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1724.
OLIVER COR (11 bells).
Earliest bell: Chaddleworth, Berks, 1725.
Latest bell: Shalbourne, Wiltshire, 1727.
JOHN COR (18 bells).
Earliest bell: Chieveley, Berkshire, 1728.
Latest bell, Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, 1741.
JOHN STARES (15 bells).
Earliest bell: Boxford, Berkshire, 1744.
Latest bell: Crawley, Hampshire, 1746.
EDWARD READ (9 bells).
Earliest bell: Basingstoke, 1751 (since recast).
Latest bell: Farnborough, Berkshire, 1753.
ROBERT WELLS I. (87 bells).
Earliest bell: Hemington, Somerset, 1760.
Latest bell: Ashmansworth, Hampshire, 1780.
The names 'Robert Wells and Son' occur on the tenor at Hagbourne, Berkshire, dated 1781.
ROBERT WELLS II & JAS. WELLS (83 bells).
Earliest bell: Shalbourne, Wiltshire, 1782.
Latest bell: Havant, Hampshire, 1799.
JAMES WELLS (124 bells).
Earliest bell: Ashbury, Berkshire, 1800.
Latest bell: Bremhill, Wiltshire, 1826.

A bell at Houghton, Hampshire, by W. and R Cor, is dated 1742, but this is an error for 1724. Edne Witts, of Aldbourne, cast the sanctus bell at Culham, Oxfordshire, in 1774.

The business was sold by James Wells in 1826 to Thomas Mears II., of London, and James Bridgman, who had been Wells' assistant, worked with Mears at the Whitechapel foundry for about three years, after which he returned to Aldbourne and started business on his own account. To him was apprenticed Henry Bond, who succeeded to the business circa 1851 and moved first to Westcot and later to Burford, Oxfordshire where the foundry was worked by his son, Mr. Thomas Bond, until his death last year.

Numerous handbells cast by the Cors, the Wells and by James Bridgeman exist to-day, and the majority of these bear the founder's initials on the inside. The Cors used one size alphabet and the Wells family two sizes for inscriptions on their handbells, and, in addition, the Cors frequently used a founder's mark depicting a duck. The earlier Cor handbells have cast-in type crown staples similar to those in 17th century tower bells, and were fitted with clappers having heads of the hook type; they often had wooden handles, and sometimes clappers with the striking portion formed like a three-point star. Later Cor handbells have staples formed of two cast-in metal plates enabling clappers of modern type to be used. All the musical handbells by members of the Wells family that I have seen have independent clapper staples; these again are of two types, the earlier being keyed into a slot in the crown of the handbell, and the later ones threaded. The later Wells handbells are numbered in sizes.

The 'R.B.' referred to by one correspondent is probably Robert Beconsall, and 'I.W.' are probably the initials of John Wallis.

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

The peal of Cambridge at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was the 25th anniversary of the first Surprise peal on the bells. The 1923 peal was conducted by Ernest Morris.

Hampshire Records

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. A. Hill regarding the I.W. found on bells in Hants. The founder was John Wallis, the first Salisbury bell founder, who cast many bells between 1578 and 1624. He was fond of short religious exhortations for his inscriptions, and would richly ornament many of his bells.

The R.B. 1589 bell at Bishopstoke is inscribed 'In God is my hope,' and this founder, whose identity is still undiscovered, cast quite a few bells in Hants and neighbouring counties. Spelling was not one of his strong points, and he was probably one of the travelling founders who toured Sussex, Hants, Wilts, etc., during the latter part of the 16th and the beginning of the 17th centuries. The tenor at St. Maurice's, Winchester, dated 1610, was also cast by this founder.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

THE 7th AT EAST ILSLEY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. O. E. Hill regarding the above founders, the 7th at East Ilsley was cast at the Aldbourne foundry. The only inscription on this bell is W. R. Cor. We have no record of the year it was cast, and this information would be of interest. I would mention here that this bell was the 4th of a ring of five bells, which were recast when three new trebles were added in 1922 by Mears and Stainbank, London, to make a ring of eight.—Yours faithfully, C. J. HIBBERT.

East Ilsley, Berks.

PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—For some time now peal reports have had the word 'Plain' added to the title of a method which for the past two hundred years has been referred to as Bob Major without causing the least difficulty. The official excuse for this given at the Central Council meeting was that the method is so described in one of the Council's publications. Mr. Walter Ayre said it was of assistance to the Analysis Committee, but non-schoolmasters like myself will find it hard to see why three words are more easily recognisable than two.

But if the 'Plain' is unnecessary, to call Reverse Bob 'Reverse Plain Bob' is just silly. The same Council publication names the method 'Reverse Bob.' How is it proposed to explain this away?—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the branch was held at All Saints', Westbury, on July 3rd, attended by some 40 members with visitors from Chippenham and Evercreech. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Hinton), and tea was served in the Institute by the wives of Westbury ringers.

Mr. W. C. West (chairman) conducted the business meeting, and some new members were elected. Everyone was pleased to see their old friend, Mr. W. Hart, who is in his 89th year. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist, and the ladies for making the meeting such a success. Ringing during afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Bob Major; the branch handbells were available during the evening.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Reepham on June 19th attracted 27 members. The Rev. E. W. Blyth (chairman) presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master) and Mr. H. Tooke (branch secretary). Miss O. Castle and Miss G. Freer were elected non-resident life members.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. McJ. H. Cubbin). Ringing also took place at Salle and Heydon. The next meeting will be at Honingham on September 18th.

Ladies' Guild

MRS. G. W. FLETCHER THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on July 3rd. Forty-eight members were present. A service was held, conducted by the Rector. The lesson was read by Mrs. G W. Fletcher, and Miss H. G. Snowden was at the organ. The Rector, in his address, told of the work of restoring the church after the ordeal of war, and spoke of the return of the ringers and the joy expressed by the parishioners when they heard their bells again.

At the commencement of the business meeting, the chair was taken by Mrs. Deal, as the office of president was vacant. Miss Steel had retired at the Manchester meeting after 20 years in office, and as she was unable to be present at this meeting, it was resolved to send her a letter of appreciation for all her work for the Guild.

After 36 years as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher resigned from the office, and Miss H. G. Snowden was elected in her place. On the proposition of Mrs. F. I. Hairs, a foundation member of the Guild, seconded by Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Fletcher was unanimously elected as the president. She thanked the members for the honour bestowed on her. The meeting proceeded with the president in the chair.

The accounts showed a profit on the year's working of £2 3s. 2½d., and total funds in hand of £62 0s. 4½d.

A report as to membership showed that the Guild was still making progress, but in some districts work was hampered through petrol restrictions. It was decided that two new districts should, if possible, be formed in Warwickshire and Cornwall. These territories had not previously been served by any district.

Bristol was chosen for the next annual meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped in making the meeting so successful, and especially to Mr. N. Bagworth, who had undertaken the whole of the arrangements for the meeting.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pike, of Caversham, Reading, on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Pike was a member of the well-known Caversham band of the '90's and has been a College Youth for over 50 years.

His golden wedding coincided with his 75th birthday and he came out of retirement to take part in the ringing of 1,260 Stedman Triples at St. Peter's, Caversham, on June 28th, in honour of the double celebration.

Those taking part were: E. Menday 1, A. D. Cullum 2, Mrs. P. Lewington 3, A. W. Pike 4, A. Wiggens 5, E. Humfrey 6, A. Sweetzer (cond.) 7, E. G. Foster 8. The ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 are all over 70 years of age.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden, when about 35 ringers attended from various towers, including Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president of the Western District, and Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. S. F. Palmer, treasurer, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, general secretary of the Association.

After a good tea the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. W. Dale. Two new members were elected, Messrs. C. Bairstow and V. H. Brighton, both of Pocklington. York was selected for the next meeting in September.

Mr. A. H. Fox was re-elected vice-president, and Messrs. H. C. Walters (General Committee), A. E. Sellers and J. Waud were elected to serve on the committee for a period of three years. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 17s. 6d. Full use was made of the fine ring of eight until 8.15 p.m.

Another Cornish Eight

Saturday, July 3rd, saw the coming into being of Cornwall's 42nd octave. The old six (tenor 12 cwt.) at St. Budock, near Falmouth, have been retuned, two trebles added and the whole peal hung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The result is a most useful ring.

The new trebles are the gift of Col. J. C. Annear in memory of his family, and Barron Bell Trust has contributed generously towards the cost. Canon F. Boreham, of Truro Cathedral, dedicated the bells and preached.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Williams. A good gathering of ringers was present, including Mr. W. H. Southeard (Master), who saw everyone had a pull, Miss E. Symons (president), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (secretary), the Rev. A. S. Roberts, and welcome visitor was Lt.-Comdr. R. Gordon Cross. There was tea for everyone, and the bells were kept going all the evening.

This ring will be a welcome addition in the Falmouth area (Falmouth Parish Church possessing one of Cornwall's three chimes of bells), and the day before this dedication the six bells in the next parish, St. Gluvias, were taken to Loughborough for tuning, to be returned with two new trebles and hung in a new frame. There is a strong bond of friendship between the ringers of these two towers, and it is hoped that after having had indifferent sixes for many years, these new eights will inspire progress and give much pleasure. A.S.R.

OUTINGS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

Wrington ringers, their families and friends, held their annual outing on July 1st, visiting the Bournemouth area. The first call was at Yeovil, where full use was made of one of the most impressive rings in Somerset. At Poole they were joined by Mr. A. Macdonald, who had kindly made all the arrangements for the day, and the light ten there were much appreciated. After an excellent lunch in Bournemouth, a visit was made to Christchurch Priory and the magnificent twelve. Back to Bournemouth for tea, and an hour at St. John's with its very musical little octave. The last call was at Sherborne Abbey, and some of the best striking of the day was heard on the massive eight.

HELMINGHAM RINGERS IN KENT.

Leaving home at 6 a.m., the Helmingham company and their friends spent an enjoyable day in Kent on June 26th, ringing at Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Edenbridge, Westerham and Sevenoaks. Methods rung included London and Bristol. Handbells rung on Tilbury Ferry drew an interested audience. Home was reached at 1.30 a.m.

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. A. BARNETT.

23456	M	W	H
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45362	2	2	—
53462			2
65432		—	
52436	—		2
35426		—	3
24653	—	—	3
64523		2	—
62345	2	—	—
43265	3	2	2
24365			—
36245		—	—
23645			—

Twice repeated. Each course is rung London, Cambridge or Superlative, London, with leads of Bristol inserted at the double or triple calls.

Contains the 60 course-ends, with 2,496 changes of London, 1,344 Bristol and 1,248 Cambridge or Superlative.

Rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Dec. 13th, 1947, conducted by the composer.

St. Martin's Guild

The summer quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild took place at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on July 3rd. The tower contains a very musical light ring of eight, tenor 6¼ cwt., and these were made good use of both before the service and after the business meeting. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. W. Meredith Lewis, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Tea was served at the local British Restaurant, and this was followed by the business meeting held in the Church House. Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker occupied the chair, the Master, Councillor Paddon Smith, being unable to attend owing to a prior engagement.

The Chairman said his first duty was to welcome back the hon. secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, after his recent serious illness; they were happy to see him again and hoped he would continue to make a good recovery.

Mr. Reeves thanked Mr. Walker for his kind remarks and good wishes, and also Mr. W. C. Dowding for acting as secretary at the previous quarterly meeting.

The following new members were elected: Geoffrey C. Taylor, William G. Collins, James A. Collins, Albert E. Hughes, Thomas E. Hughes, James W. Jones and John H. Jones (Tanworth-in-Arden), Robert H. Hicken (Hockley Heath), Harold J. Fitter and Albert H. Fitter (Sheldon), and Roland W. Edwards (Yardley). On behalf of the Guild, the chairman gave all these a hearty welcome and assured them that the officers would do all they could to give assistance and instruction in the art of change ringing.

The following were elected as life members: J. W. Frank Trotman (Nuneaton), Frederick E. Dukes (Dundalk, Ireland), John E. Chilcott (Hounslow, Middlesex), Gordon Walford (Wellington, Somerset). The tower election of Miss Muriel Reay, of Northfield, was also ratified.

The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained through the sudden death of George F. Swann, the Guild's librarian. He had done a lot of good work in keeping up to date the Guild's records of peals rung, and the Guild had lost a good officer in his passing. Another old member who had died within the last few days was Harry Middleton, of Norton, Evesham, one of the band who took part in the long peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in 1901. The Guild had also lost a good friend recently by the death of Mons. J. Canon Roskell, Administrator of St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral. He asked all to stand for a moment as a last mark of respect to their memory.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church and the bi-quarterly at Coleshill Parish Church.

A PRESENTATION.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Arthur Morris for making the local arrangements, Mr. Edgar Shepherd availed himself of the opportunity to present to Mr. Morris a peal book containing a record of all peals rung on the bells of Shirley Parish Church which he had personally written in himself. Mr. Morris had done and was still doing a lot of good work in the belfry in instructing learners in the art of change ringing, and he would remind them that it was largely due to his efforts in collecting subscriptions that the two new bells were added to make a peal of eight.

Mr. Morris, in acknowledging the gift, said it came as quite a surprise to him, but it was one he greatly appreciated, for he had long wanted a complete record of the peals rung on the bells.

Mr. A. Morris referred to the serious illness of Mr. F. W. Rishworth, a member of the Aston Parish Church band, and the secretary was requested to convey the sympathy of the Guild and wish him a speedy recovery.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.—On June 20th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: B. H. Swinson 1-2, Roland Park (cond.) 3-4, Irene Park (first quarter 'inside') 5-6.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX. — On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Hawksley 1, E. T. Chapman 2, W. J. Ellis 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, K. L. Brown 5, A. Cutler 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, F. A. Finch 8.

ALCESTER, WARWICKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Stanley 1, R. C. Chapman 2, Miss M. Reay (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, W. Cockings 5, F. C. Lyne 6, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. Goode 8.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Page 1, T. Cullingworth 2, Miss V. Godderidge (first quarter) 3, J. Willis 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, H. S. Wicken 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, D. Godden 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Michael Layton (first of Stedman) 1, H. Cheesman 2, Jill Brittain 3, Winifred Cheesman 4, N. Hobden 5, H. N. Pitstow 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, H. J. Smerdon 8. Birthday compliment to treble ringer.

BEDFORD.—On June 27th, at St. Paul's, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich C.B.M.: J. Gipson (first quarter in method) 1, Miss B. Spice 2, Miss F. Edgar 3, J. Davy 4, S. Foskett 5, K. Spavins (first quarter in method) 6. R. F. Speed (cond.) 7, J. Ward 8.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.—On June 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: W. Martin 1, S. Twitchett 2, W. Cutmore 3, Isaac Emery 4, A. A. Fitch (cond.) 5, F. Bensley 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. I. Emery.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, R. F. Prior 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS. — On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. May 1, Miss S. Davis 2, Miss J. Mathews 3, I. Fulford 4, E. G. Beynon 5, R. Crook 6, G. Stocker (first as cond.) 7, W. Armer (first quarter) 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Packer 1, J. H. Arlet 2, J. L. Morris 3, D. Beveridge 4, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 5, J. L. Harris (age 12) 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Newman 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, T. Davies 8. In memoriam Rev. A. T. Bennett, who died on June 19th.

CLENT, WORCS. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, W. H. Barber (cond.) 2, J. Bass 3, Wm. Cooper 4, J. Hilder 5, B. Ashford 6, G. Barton 7, Wm. Hollis 8. First quarter for 1, 5, 7 and 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hodgetts (first quarter) 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, Miss F. Raybould 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Grove 5, H. White 6, R. Dunn 7, J. Griffiths 8. For the 150th anniversary of St. Peter's, Cradley.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On June 27th, at St. James, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. Hunt 1, S. Grant 2, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 3, F. Hale 4, W. Mortimer 5, P. Yates 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—At St. John's on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Knowles 1, R. Shepherd 2, W. Parker 3, Mrs. D. Hiscock 4, M. Harbot (first 'inside') 5, E. Butler 6. W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8. For the dedication of the Tranter memorial pulpit by the Bishop of Guildford.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): F. Mynard 1, F. J. Mynard (cond.) 2, M. Cook 3, V. Adams 4, C. Sharp 5, R. H. Howson 6. First quarter in more than one method for ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS. — On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lund (first of Triples) 1, W. Eastwell 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, A. R. Gale 4, A. Birch 5, D. H. Pearce 6, W. Henley (cond.) 7, J. Alley 8.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Ling 1, Mrs. V. Ovens 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, V. Ovens 4, J. Williamson 5, R. Lingwood 6, G. Dye 7, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major by 1, 2, 5 and 6.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On June 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, J. Alsop 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, W. Langdon 6, H. Belcher 7, W. T. Elson (cond.) 8, W. J. Paice 9, F. Asprey 10.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,120 Plain Bob Major: F. H. Hicks (cond.) 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, W. A. Kitchenside 4, M. S. Cloke 5, A. H. Kemp 6, L. T. Pope 7, S. G. Waters 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, W. Andrews 3, R. J. Poulson 4, M. T. Symonds 5, F. Boreham 6, L. Pryke 7, H. Ellis (Weston, Bath) 8.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Brian Mabbutt 1, Miss M. Mabbutt 2, J. Collins 3, H. J. Smith 4, C. W. Partridge (first as cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6. First quarter by 3 and 4. To celebrate birth of son to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Callis.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX. — On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin 2, E. Pryor 3, Miss O. Osler (Bramley, Hants) 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, C. W. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8.

NORTHAMPTON. — On July 1st, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Desponds (first quarter) 1, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 2, Miss R. E. Parker (first 'inside') 3, B. O. Soden 4, S. F. Millward (first of Doubles) 5, Miss G. M. Burman (first quarter) 6.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY. — On June 27th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Victor Smith (first quarter) 1, C. W. R. Grimwood 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, Miss Joan Smith 4, R. Andrews 5, W. Goldstone 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, G. Barnett 8.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On June 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Monica Davies (first quarter) 1, R. Lees 2, R. Moore 3, J. Southall 4, J. Warr 5, E. Turner 6, P. Pope 7, R. Chance (first as cond.) 8. In memoriam Mrs. Griffiths.

OXFORD.—On June 20th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. J. F. Bennet 1, W. Collett 2, H. Gearing 3, M. Barrow 4, D. Gallop 5, P. W. B. Semmens 6, P. C. Wright (cond.) 7, J. Higgins 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on June 20th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: R. C. Smith 1, A. D. Dale 2, H. G. Mason 3, Miss A. Bailey 4, R. W. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, H. V. Frost (first as cond.) 7, C. F. Sayer 8, F. J. Spicer 9, T. J. Southam 10. First in method by 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 10.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, D. Sanderson, R.A.F. 5, G. L. Perkins 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, S. Clements 8. Rung with 7-8 covering.

SUTTON, ELY.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Thulborn 1, A. Faux 2, S. Shipp (first as cond.) 3, G. Howard 4, C. Gimbert 5, S. Few 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. A wedding compliment to the treble man.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On June 26th, 1,273 Stedman Caters: D. Beresford 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, P. Beresford 3, J. B. Webb 4, C. Hick 5, A. T. Dutton 6, W. R. Hughes 7, A. Botterill 8, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 9, E. T. Smith 10. First quarter Stedman Caters 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cosgrove 1, J. R. Taylor 2, G. W. Cook 3, J. S. Igglesden 4, J. W. Knight 5, L. A. Tidy 6, J. O. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Myhill 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's on June 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss I. Dearling (first quarter) 1, E. Cassel (first in method) 2, J. Tomsitt 3, H. Cox 4, J. H. Lott 5, E. V. Blake (cond.) 6.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford

FIGHT AGAINST 'CANNED BELLS.'

Upwards of 100 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society at Lichfield on July 3rd. Tea was held in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and the meeting which followed was presided over by the Archdeacon of Stafford, supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker (hon. clerical secretary) and Mr. H. Knight (hon. lay secretary).

In his opening remarks the Archdeacon urged ringers to do all they possibly could to prevent such things happening as electric 'bells' being placed in church towers. He strongly deprecated the idea and quoted a recent case. The Archdeacon said he arrived at a village church to dedicate a window when his advice was sought about having 'canned bells' in the small tower. He was able to persuade the authorities to get a carillon, and was happy to say the order for such was now given.

The report and statement of accounts were accepted, with a slight modification. The report was ordered to be printed. To meet the high cost of printing, it was proposed that the annual subscription be raised from 1s. 6d. to 2s. This was agreed to unanimously, to begin from next year.

Election of officers: The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Brotherton, hon. auditor, were re-elected. Mr. H. Knight, hon. lay secretary, stated that as he had held the office for 40 years, he did not wish to offer himself for re-election, and Mr. A. V. Pearson was elected in his stead.

The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Penkridge in September; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, in January; Alrewas in April; and Lichfield for the annual.

It was agreed that the sum of five guineas be sent to the Joseph W. Parker Memorial Fund.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTH OXON BRANCH.

Very few members were present, probably on account of hay-making in this agricultural district, at the annual meeting of the branch at Thame on July 3rd. A large number of visitors from places as far apart as Banbury, Witney, Beaconsfield and High Wycombe made up the attendance.

The chairman (the Rev. G. B. Girling) presided, supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz) and the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert).

The secretary (Mr. H. Badger) presented the balance sheet for 1947, which showed a slightly increased credit balance over the previous year, and an increase in membership of 20.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Recent activities of the Tonbridge District are appended:—

By-meeting at Sandhurst, May 1st. About 19 ringers attended, and ringing was confined to plain methods. New members elected were Miss F. Wood, Miss A. Woods, Miss G. Gill and Mr. R. Green, all of Hawkhurst. The election of Mr. J. Bassett was confirmed.

By-meeting at Brasted, June 5th. Twenty ringers were present and the methods ranged up to London Surprise. Tea was kindly given by Mr. E. H. Lewis at his house. New members elected were Messrs. R. Still, A. Dailly, J. Waters and K. Seal, all of the local band, and Mr. E. Boulding, of Sandhurst.

Quarterly meeting at Hawkhurst, July 3rd. The attendance here was larger, being about 25. Methods up to London Surprise were rung.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,440 of Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss M. Newton 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, P. Huckstep 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (cond.) 6. Rung for the 81st birthday of the conductor.

NOTICES

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

OBITUARY

BARTRAM.—At Bottesford, Leics., on July 2nd, Richard Henry Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, aged 82 years. 3833

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

Ready June 26th.—370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS, containing all named methods ever rung or published. 2s. post free. — A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 3678

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

NORTH WALES.—Ringers and families will find a special welcome at Plas Madoc, Church Walks, Llandudno. Residence with full board 15s. 6d. a day, winter term to Mid-June 12s. 6d. H. and C. water in all bedrooms.—Apply Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williams, proprietors (nee Hemming, Hampton). 3435

SOMERSET. — Country house holidays at 'HOLLAM,' DULVERTON. Good sporting centre, excellent cuisine, own farm and garden produce. Lovely surroundings. Terms 6-6½ gns. Trains and buses. 3805

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FOR SALE.—set of 8 handbells in good condition. Tenor 15 in B. Price £13. — A. G. Newman, The Coppice, Post Office Road, Seisdon, Wolverhampton. 3822

MISCELLANEOUS

DELIGHT RINGERS' RECORD BOOKS.—A modern loose-leaf system of keeping all your ringing records in one volume. Send (without obligation) for details William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 3802

BACK NUMBERS. — A limited number of back numbers for most issues of 1946 and 1947 are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

Ringers visiting BRIDGEND for National Eisteddfod will be welcome. Ringing or peal arranged. — C. H. Perry, 55, Wyndham Crescent, Bridgend, Glam. 3834

THANKS. — ST. ANDREW'S, HORNCHURCH, wish to thank all towers for contributing to a very successful and enjoyable day on the occasion of their outing. 3837

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, July 17th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 3728

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. —Meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at St. Albans. St. Stephen's (6), 2.30 p.m. St. Michael's (6), 6.30 p.m. Tea at Nell Gwynn Tea Rooms (St. Michael's) at approx. 5.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 3784

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Upton-Grey, Saturday, July 17th, 2.30. 3793

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Dinder, Saturday, July 17th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting follow.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3790

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross (6), July 17th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 3796

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Eastrington (6), July 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. Crossland, 2, New Villas, Eastrington, by July 14th. 3799

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder, Oxford, July 17th, annual festival. Choristers don't forget your cassocks and surplices. Owing to catering difficulties would members and friends understand no luncheon without ticket. —William Hibbert, General Secretary. 3675

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting transferred to Biggleswade, July 17th, not Sandy, owing to fete in Rectory garden. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at Swan at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3772

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Leeds (10), Saturday, July 17th, 3 p.m. No tea available.—R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec. 3816

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Husborne Crawley (8), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —D. W. Beard, Assistant Dis. Sec. 3825

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCION.—Saturday, July 19th. Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), invitation meeting. Tower open at 3 p.m. Names for tea Miss M. Heathcote, Portland House, Station Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield. 3818

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting,. Coddenham, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3804

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Maiden Newton, July 24th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by July 19th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 3800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Chartham, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Those who require tea must inform Mr. L. Bennett, 3, Home Cottages, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Saturday, July 17th. —B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3795

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Harlestone (6), July 24th. Names for tea by July 21st to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 3807

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cadbury, July 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 3789

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, July 24th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Miners' Institute, 5. Notify J. Bennett, 4, Manor Road, Desford, by Thursday, July 22nd. 3831

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), July 24th, 2.30 p.m. Tea provided. Names, please, by 20th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 3809

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3810

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8), Saturday, July 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by July 22nd to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3826

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch. Meeting at Snitterfield (6), at 3 p.m. sharp, on Saturday, July 24th. Tea provided. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3828

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Illston, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3823

DERBYSHIRE AND EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATIONS. — Ringers' rally, Chesterfield, July 24th. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield, by July 21st. 3820

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Necton (6), Saturday, July 24th. Tea 5 p.m. No business.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3819

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Whetstone (6), Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, July 20th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 3817

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Eynsford, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 at Hillcroft. Names for tea by Monday, 19th, to A. G. Hill 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 3815

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be at All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, on July 24th, at 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 3814

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Kingskerswell (6), Saturday, July 24th. Usual arrangements. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 3813

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich Parish Church on Saturdaly, July 24th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3812

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Masham (8 bells), Saturday, July 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. H. Winn, Red Lane, Masham, Ripon, before July 22nd. — Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3835

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Practice meeting, July 24th, at Hellingly (6). Bells 2.30. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. Goddard, The Cottage, Lealands, Hellingly, not later than 21st.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 3836

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing Sunday at Ely, July 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 to 5, St. Mary's Hotel. All welcome.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3830

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PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Deeping St. James, Saturday, July 31st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday. — W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 3827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting, Rougham (6), Saturday, July 31st. Names for tea by 28th to A. Gillings, Horringer (please comply). 3806

BEOLEY, NEAR REDDITCH, WORCS. — Thanksgiving service, Saturday, July 31st. Service 3. Bells (6) after service. Tea. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Gethin, Tower Sec., Lilley Green, Alvechurch, near Birmingham. 3783

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A meeting will be held at Calne on Saturday, July 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 27th, please!—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 3824

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION. —Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Duke's Head. Tea notifications to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by July 29th. 3821

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lutton (5), Saturday, August 7th. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. G. Butler, Lutton, Spalding, before July 30th. Bells available 2.30. 3811

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THE ANALYSIS

THIS week we publish as a supplement to 'The Ringing World' the analysis of peals rung in 1947. The three tables are illuminating; an examination reveals an upward tendeney in many directions. Outstanding is the volume of peals handled, of which non-peal ringer readers of this journal need no reminding. The total of 2,174 peals has not been exceeded for many years, but the current year with 1,247 in the first six months indicates that the zenith has not been reached. Peals rung in the last three years were: 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; and 1947, 2,174. The advance is conspicuous in view of the quiet time during February and March, due to abnormal climatic conditions; the loss was more than made good by ringing for the royal wedding, which brought November's total to 331 on tower bells and in in hand.

There has been no change in the position of the three leading associations, viz.: Kent County 136 (last year 125), Lancashire 133 (103), Leicester Diocesan 125 (97), It is in the succeeding positions that changes occur, the order being: Chester Diocesan 120 (83), Lincoln Diocesan 112 (90), Oxford Diocesan 110 (96), Sussex County 102 (63), Yorkshire 99 (92), Bath and Wells Diocesan 74 (35), Norwich Diocesan 73 (69), St. Martin's Guild 71 (65). Not every Guild has shared in these progressive totals. The year 1947 was marked by a drop in peals by University Associations—Cambridge from 24 to 11, Oxford from 17 to 13, and the Universities Association by 23 to 8. The creditable start of London University with five peals must not be overlooked. Perhaps one of our university correspondents will give an explanation. It is certainly not due to a lack of enthusiasm.

Another coincidence was that the three Associations bordering or part of the Metropolis each recorded a decline in peal ringing. Middlesex dropped from 76 to 52, Essex 70 to 55, and Surrey 23 to 10. Both of the former Associations had a marked decline in handbell ringing, caused possibly by migration, and this is the likely explanation. It was also a barren year for the Ladies' Guild and the National Police Association. Welcomed to the list are the Cumberland Association, the East Derby Association, the Scottish Association (after a lapse) and London University. Honours were easy, with 14 peals each, between the two rival veteran societies—the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. The next stage, we suppose, is to calculate the points value of the peals rung. Such calculations we would, however, leave to an erstwhile correspondent.

Maximus ringing showed an advance with 19 peals against 15. Of these, 15 were in Surprise methods, as against 10 last year. Leicester dominated the position with eight peals. Cinques had a decline from 42 in 1946 to 32. St. Martin's are still leading in this field with 10. Only 16 societies recorded a 12-bell peal; last year the number was 20.

Naturally 10-bell ringing has a larger field, with 34 societies registering peals against 30 last year. Peals of Royal totalled 76 against 65, and Surprise peals 29 (24). Caters numbered 106 (86). The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford made a fine showing with 10 yeals of Stedman Caters.

There was a big jump in Major ringing, 861 peals against 665. Of this number, 299 were in Surprise methods against 274 last year. Regarding the principal Surprise methods, there is a change in the order of popularity. Superlative, which was next to Cambridge, has dropped below Yorkshire and London. The order is Cambridge 97 (92 last year), Yorkshire 49 (41), London 49 (29), Superlative 46 (45), Bristol 36 (28). Spliced Surprise Major had a splendid showing of 18 peals against 8 last year. In this direction, the Lincoln Guild's peal of 16 methods calls for praise. Double Norwich as a method is more than holding its own with 132 peals (115 last year). Plain Bob naturally predominates with 185. Lancashire's 30 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major reveals the hold of the method in

this Association. Kent Treble Bob is a long way behind with 88 peals (87 last year).

Triples had an increase, but it was not so marked with 305 peals against 238. Grandsire with 166 peals against 127 maintains its position. An indication of the advance in ringing is 129 peals of Stedman Triples as against 99. Guildford Diocesan Guild and Kent County Association both retain their love of Stedman Triples. Six and five-bell peals also were more numerous, 605 against 433. For six-bell ringing, Lincoln and Bath and Wells lead each with 48 peals.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

FREDERICK E. WILSON	*Treble*	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
*JOHN R. SMITH	3	ALFRED BALLARD	9
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
J. FREDERICK MILNER	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. Tenor 25 cwt.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 43 cwt.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DEACON	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	RICHARD BENSON	8
THOMAS W. HESKETH	3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS	9
CHARLES CLEGG	4	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	10
RONALD KENRICK	5	EDWIN C. BIRKET	11
JACK CLEGG	6	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No 55). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all the band. This composition is rung for the first time.

TEN BELL PEALS

CAMBERWELL, S.E.5.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

PATRICIA HOLMES	*Treble*	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	2	FREDK. E. COLLINS	7
THOS. H. FRANCIS	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
JOHN W. STEPHENSON	5	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.
A 21st birthday compliment to Patricia Holmes.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., July 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN	*Treble*	*MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	2	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	7
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	3	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	8
*MARGARET BEAMISH	4	JAMES F. CLARKE	9
*JOHN E. S. MORETON	5	*LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First in the method on the bells. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the Ringing Master of the Guild on his 44th birthday.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., July 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WILLIAM TILLETT	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	7
*A. STANLEY BOAR	3	*ERNEST W. PYE	8
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	9
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	5	†CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal of Oxford Royal as conductor. Tenor 32 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
*DOROTHY UDALE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major. Birthday compliment to Josiah Morris. A wedding peal for two local ringers, Gordon Dean and Miss Zena W. Walker, who were married at the above church the Saturday previous.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*MARK W. MARSHALL	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5
WILFRED W. RING	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	6
PERCY PAGE	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	4	†ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. A. OLDFIELD. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN B. SANSOM	*Treble*	KENNETH L. BROWN	5
DEREK R. JUDD	2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	THOMAS E. DAVIES	7
*LT. J. D. RICHARD, R.N.	4	FREDK. A. FINCH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

KATHLEEN HIGGINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	ALBERT DISERENS	6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
WILLIAM JUDGE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
First peal of Surprise on the Island.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	FRED MELLOR	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	6
STEPHEN L. PARRY	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
DAVID VINCENT	4	ISAAC GARTSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.
In memoriam Charles Platt, former ringer at the above church, and Ernest Sykes, father of the treble ringer.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*STEPHEN L. PARRY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*FRED DUNKERLEY	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	*CHARLES W. LAWTON	7
JAMES FEARNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol on the bells. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mellor, of Moorside.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation, Two-Part No. 1. Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in B.

*WALTER J. FORD	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WALTER C. MEDLER	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
*HERBERT J. LASKEY	3	†ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	7
*GEORGE P. ADAMS	4	*BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in two Major methods. † First peal in two Major methods 'inside.'

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ARTHUR T. PARKER	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	5
MISS DORIS LIDBETTER	2	JOHN W. STEPHENSON	6
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	4	ARTHUR HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 12¾ cwt.

DENNIS A. HALL	*Treble*	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH	5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE	6
*JAMES W. EDEN	3	FREDK. A. COLEY	7
FREDK. J. CULLUM	4	WALTER LEMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. COLEY.
* First peal in the method away from the treble.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST J. PADGETT	5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	†ERNEST THORLEY	6
*CHARLES THORLEY, SEN.	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	7
*JAMES THORLEY	4	*BENJAMIN BURKITT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells. 25th peal of C. Thornley, sen.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	*REGINALD W. REX	5
*LEONARD TREVOR	2	JAMES F. CLARKE	6
*ALBERT DISERENS	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
*NOEL J. DISERENS	4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of New Cambridge Major. First peal 'inside' of Surprise as conductor.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. GORDON LEAHY	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
PATRICK PAGE	2	JOHN H. HUNT	6
*TOM PAGE	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS	7
†NELIA M. LEAHY	4	ALEXANDER PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS MARGARET BROWN	*Treble*	FREDK. PRICE	5
ARTHUR PEAKE	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
ARNOLD G. MOORE	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	5
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
HARRY BAKER	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of Bob Triples by all the band and on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	WM. J. BUTTON	5
WM. J. G. BROWN	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
WM. J. GROOM	3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	7
ALBERT E. WHITING	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Treble*	RONALD W. PANKHURST	5
GEORGE BEENEY	2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS	6
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	3	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	7
LESLIE W. JARVIS	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb.

LIONEL A. LESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS POYNTZ	4
HERBERT C. BOGGIS	2	*FRANK PEARSON	5
ALBERT PEGG	3	REGINALD H. DRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT C. BOGGIS.
* First peal.

ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PETER BAKER	*Treble*	FREDK. NURDEN	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	TREVOR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., June 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS 4
PETER BAKER 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	TREVOR NEWBURY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS D. E. L. RAYNER *Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
L. T. MAINWARING ... 3	FREDK. R. HARRIS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
* First peal of Minor, aged 14. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one Cambridge, one Double Oxford, one Single Oxford, one Kent, one Oxford Treble Bob and two of Bob Minor. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE R. SMITH ...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS 4
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	TREVOR NEWBURY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

MABE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAUDUS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*F. DUDLEY TEAGUE ...*Treble*	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4
†MISS JOAN E. WITHEY 2	‡R. GORDON CROSS ... 5
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	†DENNIS ROE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal of Plain Bob and of Minor. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells. A farewell to Inst. Lieut. D. Roe, R.N., who is joining H.M.S. 'Ocean.'

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Double Court, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob, and two different extents of Kent T.B. and Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MAVIS WHITEHEAD ...*Treble*	NEVILLE MOYES 4
HAROLD KILBY 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3	JOHN J. MORRIS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
First five-method peal by all the band.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge.

WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE *Treble*	FRANK TRINER 4
SAMUEL B. BAILEY... ... 2	ALBAN J. JACK 5
*CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
* 50th peal. Rung in honour of the centenary of Mrs. H. Cope, of Norton-le-Moors.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., July 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*EDWIN J. UPTON ... ...*Treble*	*TERENCE G. MORTON (16) 4
*PAMELA A. MARTIN (18) 2	†D. E. LATCHFORD (17)... 5
†PETER HOLNESS (16) ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of London. † First Surprise peal. A birthday compliment to H. P. Ayre, at present in Suez Canal zone.

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Double Oxford, one 720 of Plain Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

*BERNARD J. ONGLEY ...*Treble*	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4
*MISS ELIZABETH MORTON 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL 3	HARRY PARKER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal in five methods.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Ipswich, (2) Wells and London, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) York, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

PATRICIA GILBERT ... ...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
BETTY SPICE 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
A golden wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Wilcox, of Thorington, Essex, former Rector of Maulden.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER ...*Treble*	†ALAN F. THIRST 4
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	*HARRY BOSWELL 5
*ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., May 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	CHAS. J. SEDGLEY 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	WM. J. G. BROWN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT VICTORIA VILLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6
ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 7-8

Composed by C. MARTIN. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

COLIN HARRISON 1-2	CHARLES MARSHALL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung to mark Mr. Josiah Morris's 81st birthday, which occurred on the above date.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT QUINTA CADIZ, AVENIDA PANAMA, LOS CAOBOS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire and 22 120's of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in D.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2	ROLAND PARK 3-4
IRENE PARK 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
First peal in more than one method of Doubles by all.

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1947

Association.	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL		CATERS			MAJOR										TRIPLES		MINOR								DOUBLES				TOTAL
	Cambridge	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Stedman & Grandsire	Cambridge	Spliced Surprise (8)	Yorkshire	Jersey	Pudsey	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob	Double Norwich	Plain Bob	Winchester Bob	Marlborough Bob	Pl. and Gains. L. Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	10½ Methods	9½ Methods	6⁸ Methods	5⁸ Methods	7 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	
Bath and Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cambridge U. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Coventry D Guild	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	9
Cumberland Co.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Devonshire Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Derbyshire Assn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Durh'm & Newc'le	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
East Derbyshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Dio. Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	11
Glouc't'r & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Guildford Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Hereford Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	10
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	3	8
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Lancashire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leicester Diocesan	1	1	—	5	1	2	—	1	7	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	—	—	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	43
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
Llandaff & Mon.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Staffs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Oxford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Oxford University	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Peterborough Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. David's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St Martin's Guild	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	1	—	13
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Shropshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Southwell Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	8
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	1	1	1	7
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	14
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Universities Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Win. & Ports. Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	9
Worcester & Dis.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
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Totals	1	1	1	8	1	2	1	10	19	5	1	3	1	3	2	1	20	2	4	58	1	1	1	8	16	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	21	2	3	7	7	221

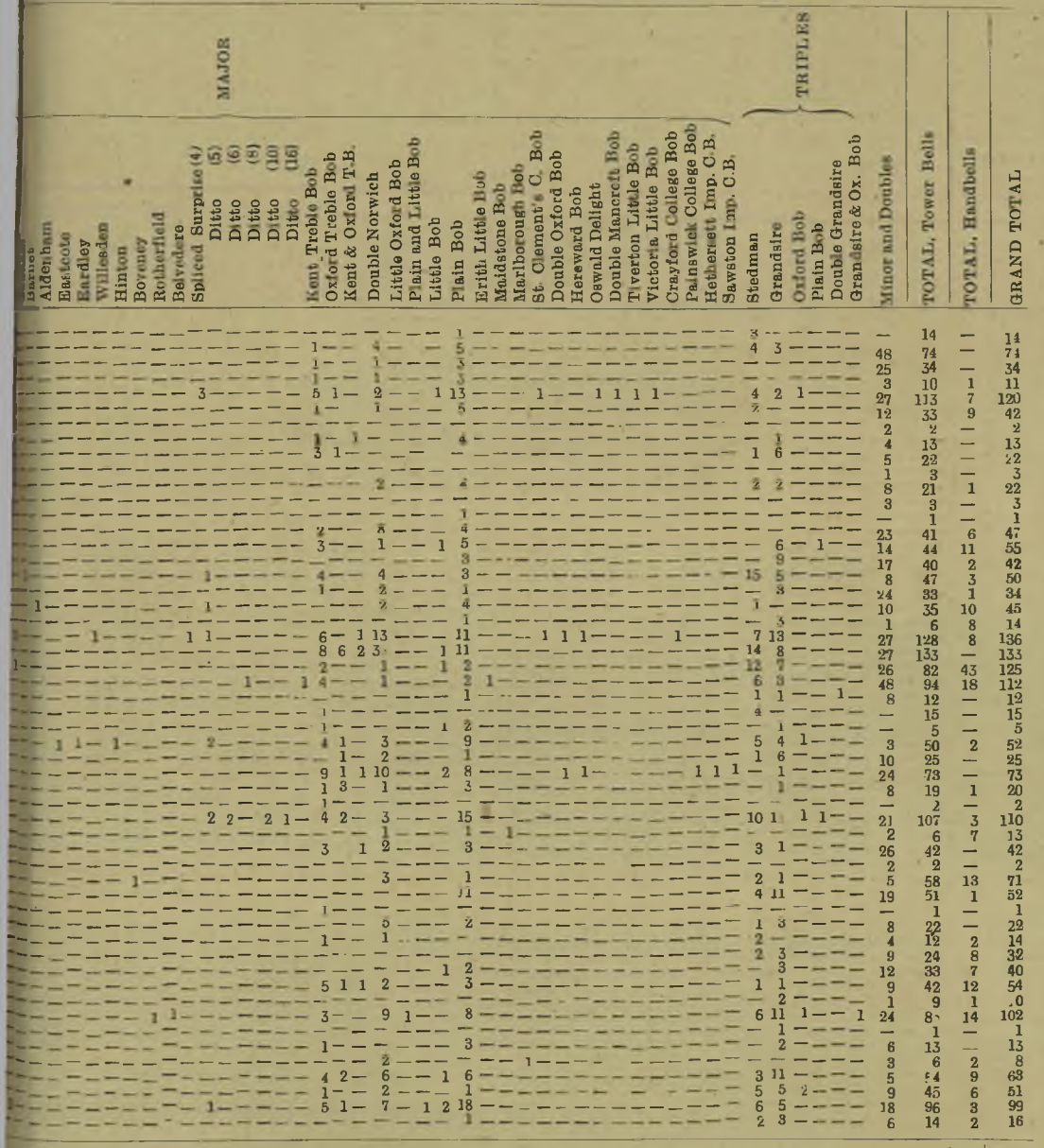
ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG ON TO

Compiled by the Committee appointed by

| ASSOCIATION | MAXIMUS | | | | | | | | CINQUES | | | | ROYAL | | | | | | | | | | CATERS | | | | | | | | | |

R BELLS DURING THE YEAR 1947

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS (cont.)

ASSOCIATION	MINOR													DOUBLES												Total
	21 Methods	20 Methods	16 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	12 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	25 Methods	22 Methods	19 Methods	15 Methods	13 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	16	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	2	—	23	48
Bedfordshire	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	15	—	—	2	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	25
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	3	2	3	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	27
Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	12
Cumberland County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	5
Derby Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8
East Derbyshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Ely Diocesan	—	—	1	—	1	1	10	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	23
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	4	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	14
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	9	17
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	6	24
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	27
Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	8	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	27
Leicester Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	3	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	7	34
Lincoln Dio. Guild	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	17	1	6	4	1	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	48
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	10
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	9	1	—	2	3	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	24
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	7	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	21
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Peterborough Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	1	2	2	26
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	19
Shropshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8
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Southwell Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	9
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	4	12
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	5	3	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	24
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6
Universities' Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	9
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	3	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
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'THE RINGING WORLD'

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Mr. Leslie Evans 'completed the circle' at Kingsland, Herefordshire, by ringing the tenor to a peal of Minor on June 25th.

Congratulations to Mr. Raymond Overy on his 100th peal. The milestone will give great pleasure to his friends connected with Guildford Royal Grammar School.

The Peal Analysis is given as a supplement to this issue. The pages are identical in size with those of our journal to enable it to be bound if desired. It is not stitched for fear of mutilating a column or two of figures.

Young readers will be interested in the broadcast talk to children on August 3rd between 5.15 and 5.40 p.m. by Miss Jean Sturgess, a 14-year-old ringer of Fareham Parish Church, on 'How I became a ringer.'

A two-day festival was held at the King's Head, Wateringbury, Kent, to promote good Christian fellowship and to provide funds for repairing and rehanging the bells of the village church, reports 'The Licensing World and Licensed Trade Review.'

Whilst on a day's outing, five of the Chilvers Coton band, Messrs. John E. S. Moreton, Leonard Trevor, James F. Clarke, John A. L. Thompson and J. W. Frank Trotman filled in their spare time by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Shiplake, Oxfordshire.

The peal of Oxford Royal at Ipswich enables Mrs. Pipe, Messrs. Boar, Brett and Pye to complete peals on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells in the method. Mr. Boar has now rung 8, 10 and 12 bells in seven different methods. Mr. Symonds has secured 100 peals on the 11th bell at St. Mary-le-Tower.

It will be recalled that Lichfield Cathedral bells were the gifts of the Freemasons of Staffordshire. The first Masonic peal on the bells was rung on July 10th. Bro. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham, was to have been in the peal, but could not ring owing to his recent illness. He was listening and joined the company afterwards in a meal.

News from Cumberland is infrequent. A sign of progress is that the first recorded quarter-peal on the bells of St. Stephen's, Carlisle, was rung on July 17th. It was 1,380 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 900 Grandsire) by C. Lightning 1, J. Boustead 2, C. Brown 3, J. Ling 4, R. Ling (cond.) 5, and T. Park 6. It was the first quarter of Doubles for all the company.

A cryptic note from Mr. George Gilbert, Burnham, Bucks, re Plain Bob, runs: 'Do we now say Plain Grandsire, as we have Reverse and Double Grandsire? Bob Major is Bob Major.'

On the same topic Mr. Christopher Weldon Woolley writes: 'When I next meet my friend, Mr. Edwin Arthur Barnett, I will endeavour to explain to him why we schoolmasters find it easier to read three words than two. Those who find reading difficult can, of course, count the number of words—but there is much more in it than that!'

Mr. Robert G. Black. of 2, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Guild, is in a difficulty over the Guild's official badge. The die was in possession of Mr. George Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead, Somerset, but no reply has been received to his letter. If any ringer in the neighbourhood can enlighten Mr. Black as to whether the business is in being it would be appreciated.

College Youths Visit Sussex

VETERANS' SPECIAL TOUCH.

It has now become the custom of the Ancient Society of College Youths to hold a summer meeting in the country. This year the meeting was held at Lindfield and Cuckfield, by invitation of the Master, Mr. George W. Cecil, and was very well attended, one member travelling from as far afield as Dorset. Ringing in various methods from Grandsire to London Surprise was well struck, and a very fine tea served in the Parish Hall was much enjoyed by the visitors, who seemed to be unanimous in agreeing that it is much better to live in the country than in town, where the food problem is more acute. In spite of strenuous efforts by the hungry visitors, there was a goodly amount of food still on the tables after all had eaten to their hearts' content. These good Sussex friends certainly know how to provide a meal!

A short business meeting was held, and two new members were elected, being the 59th and 60th to be elected during the Master's term of office. It is believed he has ambitions to top the 100 before his term expires, and everyone will wish him success in his efforts.

One outstanding characteristic of the ringing was a touch by the 'youngsters' of the party, whose combined ages totalled the extraordinary figure of 595 years. They were Henry R. Newton, George Williams, E. Fenn, E. A. Young, A. B. Peck, A. R. Macdonald, George F. Hoad and W. H. Pasmore. This touch was perfectly struck and was an object lesson to all who heard it. George Williams, at 91 years of age, proved he could still call the bobs.

At the other end of the scale the visitors were impressed by the capable way two young lady members of the Cuckfield band rang in touches of Grandsire and Stedman. A message from the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. F. I. Hairs), welcoming the party to his territory, was received, and regrets were expressed that pressure of business prevented him and Mrs. Hairs from attending.

J. F. S.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

REPORT FOR 1947.

The Guild was formed in 1927 by a body of ringers whose aim was to encourage and instruct the young beginner in the art of change ringing and thereby create interest in bell-ringing for the service of the Church.

The inaugural meeting was held at The Peacelands, East Grinstead, and was attended by representatives from East Grinstead, Penshurst, Oxted, Coleman's Hatch, Cuckfield, Cowden, Turner's Hill, Balcombe, Crawley and Hartfield.

There have been many obstacles to surmount, but through the years we have progressed steadily to the strong and happy position which we are in to-day with a membership of over 100, the result of tenacity of purpose, the co-operation and able leadership of officials, the loyalty and enthusiastic support of every member, and the encouragement of the president, vice-presidents and the clergy.

The balance sheet shows a balance in hand of £59 13s. 1d.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

At the meeting at Aughton on July 3rd of the Liverpool Branch, Mr. P. W. Cave was elected hon. branch secretary in place of Mr. G. R. Newton, who has resigned.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Hobson) presided at the meeting, and a good number attended and partook of an excellent tea provided by the ringers of Christ Church and their ladies and friends. The joint gathering of the Liverpool and Wigan branches proved most enjoyable. A welcomed visitor was Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable.

The next meeting of the Liverpool Branch will be at Huyton on August 14th.

OBITUARY

MR. R. H. BARTRAM.

Doyen of the ringers at Melton Mowbray Parish Church was Mr. Richard Henry Bartram, whose death at Bottesford on July 2nd whilst staying with Mr. A. W. Ward, an old ringing friend, is regretted. Mr. Bartram was 82.

A native of Buckminster, Leics., where he learned to ring, Mr. Bartram later moved to Wymondham, where he joined the Framland Society in 1885. He came to Melton in 1894, and the day after he joined the Melton ringers, and three days afterwards was accepted for the choir.

A silver bell was presented to him in 1901 by the Melton Society of Change Ringers in appreciation of his efforts in developing the art of change ringing in Melton and in recognition of the successful conducting of the first local peal.

His peals numbered 151, of which he conducted 32. Of his peals that call for special mention was one of Doubles rung by Mr. Bartram and his four sons. He participated in two fathers and sons peals — Grandsire Triples (four fathers and their four sons) Kent Treble Bob Royal (five fathers and their five sons). He conducted the first peal by an entirely local band at Melton Mowbray on April 23rd, 1901. It was in his native village of Buckminster that he last rang—120 Stedman Doubles in May, 1947.

He was a blacksmith by trade. Mrs. Bartram died in 1935 and he is survived by Miss E. E. Bartram and Mrs. H. Ormond (daughters), and Mr. E. Bartram, captain of the St. Mary's ringers, and Mr. J. R. Bartram, Nuneaton (sons). Two sons are dead. One died after a long illness contracted during the 1914-18 war, and the other died from an illness after saving a child from drowning in the river at Melton Mowbray.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, on July 5th, the Rev. C. M. S. Clarke officiating. Ringers attending were Messrs. R. F. Elkington (Anstey), S. Proctor (Grantham), H. MacKears (Hough-on-the-Hill), A. Ward (Bottesford), J. R. Gilson, H. Clayton and Miss E. Wise. The bells were rung half-muffled after the service.

HIS PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles 4 (conducted 4); Minor 18 (8); Bob Triples 2; Grandsire Triples 26 (19); Bob Major 7, including 7,056 (1); Kent T.B. Major 16; Double Norwich C.B. Major 13; Cambridge S. Major 4; Superlative S. Major 3; London S. Major 1; Bristol S. Major 1; Stedman Triples 24; Stedman Caters 16; Grandsire Caters 8; Bob Royal 2; Kent T.B. Royal 4; Cambridge S. Royal 2; total 151 (conducted 32).

MR. E. A. BISH.

The death is announced of Mr. Ernest E. Bish, a well-known South London ringer and a member of St. Leonard's, Streatham, band.

Aged 73, he was a native of Ditchling, Sussex, where he became a leader of the local band. It was due to his efforts that the Ditchling bells were rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave.

In 1923 he came to London and joined the Parish Church, Wandsworth, ringers: he was their leader until 1925, when he joined St. Leonard's. Here he was most regular in attendance for the Sunday services.

Mr. Bish was a member of the College Youths, London County and Surrey Associations. He had rung peals in the four standard methods on eight bells.

The funeral was at Wandsworth Cemetery on July 16th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave: Reuben Sanders 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, J. W. Chapman 5-6, Reuben Charge 7-8. Other ringers present were Messrs. S. Howard, A. Miller and T. Miller (Christ Church, Mitcham).

LETTERS

ON NOMENCLATURE II

Dear Sir,—Let us not mislead the coming generation of change ringers nor lightly abandon some of the traditions of the Exercise. Mr. Andrew Corrigan does ringers a great service in publishing his collections of methods and in pleading for the abandonment of certain 'cramping obsessions' in the matter of method construction; and when, over 25 years ago, I put forward similar, though less far-reaching, views, I received little support from the theorists. The truth is that years of research have confirmed that this middle course should be advocated. And the business of extension should be a matter of 'opening up' the basic mould in application to higher numbers, and not of cramping the original scheme, on the latter, to a numerical resemblance to the former.

The science of change-production (methods) is man-made, not natural, and 'suffers' from limitations imposed by the arbitrary conventions demanded by the Exercise through long usage and custom. But for this, there would be little questioning of 'extensions,' which would then appear very different from some of those now seen. By neglecting these conventional limitations (not at present to be contemplated!) there can be produced immediately for almost every basic method extensions which will pass the only true tests. These are: (a) How does the extension compare with the *design* of the basic, i.e., to the eye? (b) (more important) How does it appeal to the man at the end of the rope, i.e., does it seem, in the main, to be the same method (with extra bits for the additional bells) in the actual ringing of it? Those conventional limitations, however, step in and rule out most of such 'ideal' or 'theoretic' extensions — Cambridge is an exception—by these three chief requirements:

(c) Natural lead-ends—and in 'associated' order in the p.c.

(d) Not more than two blows in any one place.

(e) No penultimate place unless treble lies next.

Now it is the simple fact of searching for modifications, to make the easily-produced 'theoretic' extension conform with the demands of these conventional limitations, that gives the method builder such a headache; and, as Mr. Corrigan suggests, some extraordinarily dissimilar methods have indeed been published as 'extensions' of the basic method-name. For example, in the London method, alone, I have evolved, over the years, almost as many Royal variants as there are letters in the alphabet; but only one of these, and its counterpart in Maximus, would pass the tests here enumerated.

But, and this is the crux of the matter, it would be false to the traditions of this essentially British art of ours, to discourage the search for something to satisfy the natural ambition of the peal ringer on the higher numbers, who wishes to 'go one better,' in methods long honoured in the Exercise on the lower numbers. It is true, of course, that ultimate judgment and acceptance rest, not with the theoretician, but with the main body of those who actually ring. So that whenever extension figures are published to comply with all five conditions, (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above, no one of us will be able to prevent the Exercise accepting them and ringing them under the name of their basic method. Such publication may be 'just around the corner'! —Yours very truly,

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park, Netley Abbey.

JOHN WALLIS

Dear Sir,—In 'Hampshire Church Bells,' by Rev. W. E. Colchester, there is a list of over forty bells in Hampshire bearing dates from 1581 to 1628 cast by John Wallis, of Salisbury.

R. O. STREET.

Bearsden, Glasgow.

OUTINGS

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

The ringers of Bucklebury, Berks, augmented by a few friends, held their annual outing on July 3rd. Towers visited were Chippenham (Wilts), Tetbury (Glos.), St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, Burford (Oxon), and Christ Church, Swindon, all good peals.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal. An enjoyable day was spent by all. R.W.R.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

Lavenham ringers, with their wives and friends, visited Herts on July 10th and rang touches at Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, St. Albans (St. Peter's), Hatfield and Hatfield Broad Oak (Essex). Luncheon was served at St. Albans and tea at Hatfield. Changes and well-known airs on the handbells (at Bocking, Essex) concluded an enjoyable day's programme. S.H.S.

POOLE.

Poole ringers, accompanied by their Rector, the Rev. E. C. Harris and Mr. F. W. Townsend, who, though unable to ring himself, still loves to listen to good bells and ringing, visited Romsey Abbey, East Tytherley, Downton and Cranborne for their annual outing on July 3rd. The good meal which was awaiting the party at Downton and the bells of Romsey and Downton were the high spots of the day.

At Cranborne a very pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers, who hope before long to have their bells made worthy of the church and tower. A.R.M.

RAINHAM, KENT.

South-East Kent was toured in a 32-seater coach on July 3rd by St. Margaret's, Rainham, on the occasion of their annual outing. The party included ringing friends from Chatham and Sittingbourne.

After ringing on the six at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, the route was along the Elim Valley to another old church at Elham. Lunch was partaken of at Folkestone before ringing upon St. Mary's fine eight. Thence along the coast to New Romsey, where ringing was enjoyed for an hour. Tea was at Tenterden, after which the party made good use of St. Mildred's bells. The last call was at Headcorn. Touches were rung in the usual standard methods.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

The third annual outing took place on July 10th, when the route lay through Somerset and Devon to Exeter. A start was made at 7.45 a.m., Bridgwater being reached at 9 a.m. Here the party were met by Mr. C. Evans and the fine eight at St. Mary's were soon set going to Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

At Cullompton, Major Silwood had everything in readiness. Before ascending the tower some time was spent examining the fine rood screen and Jacobean gallery of this beautiful church. A splendid course of Cambridge Royal and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were tapped off and all were loath to leave such grand bells. However, on to Exeter, a fine lunch, and out to Heavitree, where Mr. C. Glass welcomed us. Then more Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman on another glorious eight.

The high spot of the day was ringing on the 12 at Exeter Cathedral. Here we surpassed ourselves, both Messrs. Glass and Laver congratulating us on our touches of Stedman Cinques. At Tiverton, with its lovely tower and fine peal, we rose the bells in true Devon style and were soon ringing London, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman. Then off once more for Wrington, but this time our call was the Golden Lion, but not without viewing Wrington's glorious tower, now fully encased in steel scaffolding, and hearing the local remark that the bells go much better now that the tower is held up. D.G.C.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

BLANDFORD FESTIVAL.

The third ringers' festival at Blandford, Dorset, in accordance with the will of Mr. Samuel Francis Pond, who died in Australia 1941, took place on July 3rd. He left money to the Borough Council for the purpose of ringing the curfew daily in Blandford and for an annual competition among Dorset ringers.

Visitors from Leicester were among those present. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, general secretary of the Salisbury Guild, conducted the service, at which a collection was taken for the Joseph W. Parker Memorial Fund. At tea in the Corn Exchange the company was welcomed by the Mayor and by Mr. B. A. S. Hicks (churchwarden).

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and six-bell contest of the Association was held at Marsden on July 3rd, four teams competing, namely, Meltham, Friezland, Huddersfield and Liversedge.

About 50 members and friends were present and some good striking was heard. The result and order of ringing was as follows: Meltham, 280 faults; Friezland, 156 faults; Huddersfield, 212 faults; Liversedge, 108 faults.

Liversedge were declared winners, and presented with the Association's silver cup.

BELLRINGERS PERFORM

A religious play, entitled 'The Legend of the Bells,' was enacted in Burford Parish Church, Oxon, on June 27th, before a large congregation. It was specially written and produced for the patronal festival by Miss K. M. Briggs, of Burford, and more than 70 persons, including choir and ringers, took part.

Handbells and tower bells were rung during the course of the play, and afterwards a quarter-peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples was rung by J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. The play was repeated the following evening.

AN APPROPRIATE RECORD

At Meole-Brace Church, Shrewsbury, amplifying apparatus has been installed. Records of well-known London bells sounded incongruous as coming from such a small tower. A member of the congregation thought a record of good six-bell ringing would be more suitable and he approached the Rector and ringers of All Saints', Berrington, with this object in view.

A recording was taken by Mr. H. F. Pollard, radio engineer, of 23, Castle Street, Shrewsbury, of a touch of Grandsire Doubles, which is now used for services at Meole-Brace. Records are available to those interested. As far as is known, this is the first record made of Shropshire bells.

MARLOW PEAL TABLET UNVEILED

Prior to evening service at All Saints', Marlow, Bucks, on July 4th, a peal tablet was unveiled by the Vicar, those present including the two churchwardens.

The tablet commemorated a peal of Bob Major, which was rung half-muffled on Feb. 14th, 1948, to the memory of the late Mr. W. H. Badger, who was connected with All Saints' Church for 78 years.

After the unveiling a short service touch was rung by the same band who stood in the peal with the exception of Mr. Harry Wingrove, who, although not yet able to ring, was present at the ceremony. All present were pleased to see Mr. Wingrove back in the belfry after his recent operation, and a hope was expressed that he would soon be able to take a rope again.

LUTON, BEDS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Keith J. Tilling (first quarter) 1, H. Burton 2, J. Herbert 3, A. E. Rushton 4, E. Conquest 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, R. Kendall 8.

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MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Coddenham, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Edward Ellenger. Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3804

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Chartham, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3795

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 3810

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8), Saturday, July 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10 p.m., followed by business meeting. 3826

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Masham (8 bells), Saturday, July 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 3835

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch. Meeting at Snitterfield (6), at 3 p.m. sharp, on Saturday, July 24th. Tea provided. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3828

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Eynsford, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 at Hillcroft. 3815

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Necton (6), Saturday, July 24th. Tea 5 p.m. No business.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3819

DERBYSHIRE and EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Ringing rally, Chesterfield (10), July 24th, 2.30 p.m. Ringing also available at Old Whittington (6), 3 to 9, and Staveley (8), 2.30 to 4.30. Tea 5, St. James' Hall, Chesterfield. 3844

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Practice meeting, Wedmore, Saturday, July 24th, 6.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Local Sec. 3851

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Special ringing Sunday at Ely, July 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 to 5, St. Mary's Hotel. All welcome.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3830

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A combined practice will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell (10) on Wednesday, July 28th. Bells 6.30. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 3846

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Bitton (8), July 31st, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3838

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Campsall (8), July 31st, 2.30. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley. 3841

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, July 31st. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by July 27th Cecil Holden, Warrington Road, Great Budworth. 3839

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, East Harling, Saturday, July 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Munro Hall 5 p.m. only for those who notify me by 26th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 3832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—District meeting, Rougham (6), Saturday, July 31st. Names for tea by 28th to A. Gillings, Horringer (please comply). 3806

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A meeting will be held at Calne on Saturday, July 31st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by July 27th, please!—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 3824

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Tetbury, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Card for tea to W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, by 27th. 3840

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Drighlington on July 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (2s. per head) only for those who notify Mr. S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, by July 30th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3845

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Lytton Hall. Names for tea by July 29th to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin, Herts. 3842

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattershall, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Fortesque Hotel at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, July 26th. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 31st, Ellesborough, 3 p.m. Bring tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3850

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Combined August Bank Holiday meeting of Portsmouth and Southampton Districts. Bells available (all 8's): Bishop's Waltham, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Soberton, 2-4 p.m.; Curdridge, 2-4.30 p.m. Service (4.30) and tea (5.15) at Curdridge. Soberton and Curdridge bells available after tea. Names for tea before July 29th to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 3847

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rotherham (10), Monday, Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Good teas obtainable at the British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 3808

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, August 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Duke's Head. Tea notifications to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by July 29th. 3821

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lutton (5), Saturday, August 7th. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. G. Butler, Lutton, Spalding, before July 30th. Bells available 2.30. 3811

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Andrews, Kingsbury, on Saturday, August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Names to me by previous Wednesday. No. 8 bus to Blackbird Cross.—T. J. Lock, District Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 3848

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Speldhurst (8), Aug. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, Tonbridge. 3856

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special ringers' service at Marksbury, Aug. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea essential. Collection for Bell Fund.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 3854

DUDLEY GUILD. — Preliminary notice. — Next quarterly meeting at Clent, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Please note date.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec. 3853

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QUARTER PEALS

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LLANDUDNO. — On June 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: S. Brown 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, Miss Marjorie Jones 3, Miss Kathleen Ruffell 4, J. Flood 5, R. Wilson (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 3 and 4. A farewell to the ringers of 4 and 6.

OLDHAM, LANCS. — On July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. T. Walmsley (first of Caters away from tenor) 1, H. Longden 2, V. W. Sykes (first of Caters) 3, H. Barlow 4, R. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, S. H. Dearden 7, R.S.M. Philip Tocock 8, V. Sykes (cond.) 9, W. Howarth 10.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lygo 1, W. White (cond.) 2, E. Dale 3, F. Spencer 4, C. Knapp 5, A. Ingram 6, S. Loach 7, J. Ancliffe 8. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of G. Nowell (capt.).

ST. ALBANS.—On June 27th, at St. Peter's, for patronal festival, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. V. Frost 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, T. J. Southam 3, A. Dale 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. G. Mason 6, F. J. Spicer 7, R. C. Smith (first 'inside') 8, G. W. Debenham 9, B. C. Johnson (first in method as cond.) 10.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX. — On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Thrift 1, Miss A. White 2, R. Rondel (first quarter) 3, J. Mahill 4, H. Devenish (cond.) 5, E. Runter 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on June 27th, for the Patronal Festival, 1,440 Bob Minor: Raymond Knight 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Robert Hartley 4, Brian Sullivan 5, Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except the conductor, and first by the local band.

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BEAUMARIS BELLS

LAST week Beaumaris figured in the list of peals. The name probably recalled to many the Christmas Quiz, as Beaumaris possesses the only ring of bells in the island county of Anglesey. The ancient church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, built about 1295, has many interesting features with unusual clerestory windows, ancient tombs and effigies, some of which were brought from Llanfaes Priory.

To ringers the main appeal is in the bells. Originally there was a ring of six, the gift of Viscount Buckley in 1819. In 1903 they were pronounced as practically unsafe to ring; an appeal was accordingly launched to 'all lovers of music throughout Anglesey,' for funds to carry out the repairs and at the same time add two more bells to complete the octave. Main movers in raising the funds were Mr. A. J. Hughes and the late Mr. W. T. Pegler, of Bangor, and they had the satisfaction of seeing two new trebles added. The old bells were musical and pleasing to the ear, but the two trebles, cast by Barwells, of Birmingham, were delivered out of tune. Tom Miller was sent to Beaumaris to tune them, and they are still a little sharp, especially the second.

Very few peals have been rung in the tower, due partly to its isolation and also to the fact that for a long period permission for an attempt was rarely granted. Mr. A. J. Hughes, who took part in the first four peals, informed the writer that the first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples, Taylors, rung on September 30th, 1905, and was conducted by W. T. Pegler. This was followed by Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman on August 24th, 1907, again conducted by W. T. Pegler. The next peal, 5,088 Bob Major on May 26th, 1909, was the first of Major in the county. It was composed by M. J. Morris, and conducted by A. W. Brighton. A special interest was attached to the next peal, 5,088 Bob Major on August 5th, 1912, as one of the participants was Miss Sarah Piggott. She was the first lady to take part in a peal for the North Wales Association. The peal was composed by J. Piggott.

For years the late Mr. W. H. Fussell tried to obtain permission for a peal attempt at Beaumaris. At last it was granted, and a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. Sperring, was rung. With this peal Mr. Fussell became the first—and so far the only—man to ring a peal in every county in England and Wales. The footnote in last week's peal, 'First peal of Surprise on the Island,' adds another chapter to the history of these bells; the story of the peal however is told in our news columns.—J. E. C.

A DEVON TOUR

The following peals rung in Devon for
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

KINGSTEIGNTON.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

T. MARK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	MAURICE HODGSON ...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BUCKFASTLEIGH.
On Sun., July 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ...	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
*MISS JOYCE GAYMER ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.

HIGHWEEK.
On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ...	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	5
MISS MARGARET FIDELL	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

BUCKFASTLEIGH.
On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT CROPPINS PARK HOTEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	MRS. J. THOMAS	5-6
JOHN FREEMAN	3-4	JOHN THOMAS	7-8
		GEORGE E. FEARN	9-10

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' for the Guild.

PLYMPTON.
On Tues., July 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*MISS JOYCE GAYMER	...*Treble*	*JOHN FREEMAN	5
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL	2	*WILLIAM ROGERS	6
*MAURICE HODGSON ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
*ALICK CUTLER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild. A birthday peal for Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

PLYMOUTH.
On Tues., July 6, 1942, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

*T. MARK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	†LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	3	†JOHN FREEMAN	8
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	9
JOHN THOMAS	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. First of Yorkshire Royal for the Guild, on the bells and in the county

MORETONHAMPSTEAD.
On Wed., July 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

T. MARK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	5
JOHN FREEMAN	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	7
MAURICE HODGSON ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

UPTON, TORQUAY.
On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

LEONARD H. BOWLER	...*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR.
On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Treble*	MAURICE HODGSON ...	5
MISS JOYCE GAYMER ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
T. MARK WHITE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	4	THOMAS J. LOCK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

BUCKFASTLEIGH.
On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT CROPPINS PARK HOTEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	JOHN FREEMAN	7-8
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	*P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ...	9-10
MRS. J. THOMAS	5-6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	11-12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First of Stedman 'in hand' and first 12-bell peal 'in hand.' First of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' for the Guild.

BROADCLYST.
On Fri., July 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

*MISS JOYCE GAYMER	...*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL	2	*JOHN THOMAS	6
*MRS. J. THOMAS	3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	4	*JOHN FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

HEAVITREE.
On Fri., July 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

T. MARK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
MAURICE HODGSON ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BERRY POMEROY.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*MRS. M. HODGSON	...*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
*MISS JOYCE GAYMER ...	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL	3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
†EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. BARNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

IPPLEPEN.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

MRS. J. THOMAS ...	...*Treble*	*T. MARK WHITE	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
MAURICE HODGSON ...	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

OKEHAMPTON.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	WILLIAM ROGERS	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

OKEHAMPTON.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each Cambridge and Superlative with 116 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F.

T. MARK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
MAURICE HODGSON ...	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild and first peal of Major on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., July 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS G. FOX	7
MRS. JAMES E. DAVIS ...	2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ...	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL...	4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ...	10
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	11
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ...	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK	...*Treble*	*JOHN W. STEPHENSON...	7
ALBERT W. COLES	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	3	GEORGE W. CECIL ...	9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ...	10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	5	REUBEN SANDERS	11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal on twelve bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 7, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT ALEXANDRA ROAD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

*REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	3-4
		OLAVE E. BROYD	5-6

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3-4	JOHN AMBLER	7-8

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*HERBERT A. MITCHELL ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 15, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*RICHARD BLAKEY	1-2	ROGER LEIGH	3-4
		CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	5-6

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.
*** First peal of Minor 'in hand.'**

TEN BELL PEALS

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*RALPH C. SPITTLE ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN J. WEBB	6
CHARLES L. SADLER ...	2	*REGINALD T. JONES ...	7
REV. E. G. BENSON ...	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
*FREDK. R. HARRIS ...	4	LESLIE EVANS	9
*JOHN D. ROCK	5	WILFRID F. MORETON...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
* First peal of Royal. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

LICHFIELD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 cwt.

BRO. ERNEST T. ALLAWAY, Arts and Crafts Lodge, No. 4134	*Treble*
BRO. FRANK W. PERRINS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, No. 4134	2
BRO. HAROLD J. POOLE, Highcross Lodge, No. 4835	3
W. BRO. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, No. 4549	4
BRO. HARRY G. WAYNE, Highcross Lodge, No. 4836	5
BRO. H. C. SPENCER, Walmley St. John Lodge, No. 6504...	6
BRO. BERT HORTON, Birchfield Lodge, No. 4549	7
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge, No. 5657	8
BRO. JOHN WORTH, Lodge of Unity, No. 267	9
BRO. KEN. W. KNOWLES, St. Bartholomew Lodge, No. 696	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRO. HAROLD J. POOLE.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN THOMAS ...	...*Treble*	†RALPH W. SAYERS ...	6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	2	RONALD H. DOVE ...	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	DENIS R. MORRIS ...	8
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN...	9
*MRS. JOHN THOMAS ...	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.
* 300th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ...	*Treble*	EDWARD BARKER	5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	2	BERT GOGLE	6
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	3	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	7
GEORGE ADAMS	4	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
First peal of Major in the method by all except treble ringer, and on the bells.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., July 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEOFFREY W. HAIR ...	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ...	5
*DOUGLAS SANKEY	2	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	4	HENRY C. ADAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by P. W. GRICE.
* First peal in method 'inside.' First in method as conductor.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FLORRIE WYMAN ...	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	7
*RAYMOND OVERY ...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* 100th peal.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., July 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. E. Turley	*Treble*	Arnold Hill	5
W. Eric Critchley ...	2	Ernest A. Thorpe ...	6
Jack G. Brothwell ...	3	John J. L. Gilbert ...	7
John H. Brothwell ...	4	John E. Turley ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Oswald Claybrook	*Treble*	†Cyril Valentine ...	5
Walter Allman	2	*Eric J. Gilbert	6
*George Ledsham ...	3	‡Ralph G. Edwards ...	7
John E. Bibby	4	James C. E. Simpson...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights (158). Conducted by J. C. E. Simpson.
* First peal in method. † 100th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Kenneth Pickering	*Treble*	*Jack R. Worrall ...	5
*John A. Brown	2	Arnold Brunton ...	6
*Thomas W. Crowe ...	3	Adam Deas	7
William E. Robinson...	4	Denis A. Bayles ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 1,065th anniversary of the dedication of this church and as a farewell to the Rev. W. Gregory, curate. Tenor 21 cwt.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Selwyn H. Dearden	*Treble*	A. V. Williams ...	5
*Allan Smith	2	Charles Clegg	6
*James Taylor	3	Jack Clegg	7
Eric Brunton	4	L. J. Williams ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by L. J. Williams.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. Reynolds, branch secretary of Manchester Branch, and Miss Joan Murthwaite, of Manchester. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A variation from Shipway. Tenor 24 cwt.

William Rose ...	*Treble*	George Bush	5
Herbert Goakes	2	Frank Warrington ...	6
William Smith	3	Francis Newman	7
W. Henry Waldron ...	4	Lawrence Hadman ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Warrington.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Walter M. Goddard	*Treble*	*Arthur W. Hoodless	5
Jack Bray	2	*John Scott	6
George W. Moody ...	3	Philip Barnes	7
Frank Lord	4	*Fred Jeffrey ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

T. Mark White ...	*Treble*	*Eric T. Lee	5
William T. Beeson ...	2	*Frederick A. Munday	6
C. Ernest Smith	3	Harold A. May	7
William J. Robinson ...	4	*A. Patrick Cannon ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* First peal of Yorkshire. A coming-of-age peal for Harold A. May.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Urban W. Wildney	*Treble*	George Waterman ...	5
George W. Moss	2	Ronald G. Bugg ...	6
Ernest H. Scarfe ...	3	*Walter Felgate	7
Horace A. Wright ...	4	Harry J. Millatt ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* First peal in the method. First in method on the bells. A 68th birthday peal for G. W. Moss. Tenor 14 cwt.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James the Great,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

G. Kettle	*Treble*	‡Reg. Rowley	5
*G. C. Beech	2	David H. Anstey ...	6
Miss M. Flackett ...	3	G. A. Moore	7
†Peter Carbutt	4	Arthur W. Hall ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by David H. Anstey.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

PIPE-CWM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles L. Sadler	*Treble*	John D. Rock	4
Ralph C. Spittle	2	*Roy Hallett	5
Michael P. Moreton ...	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal on tower bells.

VERYAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Veryan,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

F. Dudley Teague	*Treble*	*Cyril E. Lanxon ...	4
Miss Joan E. Withey...	2	R. Gordon Cross ...	5
Mrs. A. S. Roberts ...	3	Rev. A. S. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 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.
Tenor 14 cwt.

Herbert Sutton ...	*Treble*	David Smith	4
Edward J. Boffey ...	2	Harry Parker	5
Harry W. Howard ...	3	A. Gordon Lawrence...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Gordon Lawrence.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker on the anniversary of their wedding.

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Albert C. Rose ...	*Treble*	Jack Church	4
Roy Webb	2	Edwin C. Buck	5
Lewis H. Bywaters ...	3	R. Thomas Newman ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
First peal on the bells since augmentation at Whitsun, 1948.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. James Young	*Treble*	W. Charles Young ...	4
Leslie D. Young	2	Percy H. Young	5
Tracey H. Young	3	Victor G. Young ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tracey H. Young.
Rung by six brothers as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 12, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN CREBER ...	...*Treble*	*BEN COMER	4
BARBARA PODGER ...	2	*JOHN BURROUGH	5
*CHARLES BLACKMORE ...	3	*RICHARD CREBER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BURROUGH.
* First peal, all being the regular Sunday service band.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich and York Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge and London Surprise. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	...*Treble*	†DEREK E. LATCHFORD ...	4
*PETER HOLNESS	2	HERBERT GATES	5
TERENCE G. MORTON ...	3	WALTER AYRE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' In memoriam Rev. C. G. H. W. B. Goodwin, Rector of Watton-at-Stone, and sometime Vicar of Apsley End. R.I.P.

SPALDWICK. HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Oxford Bob, one 720 St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

SIDNEY CLEMENTS ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	4
FRANK W. LACK	2	STANLEY GILBERT	5
CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Fields, of St. Neots.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS	...*Treble*	†ALBERT W. HARTLAND	4
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	2	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	5
DENIS R. MORRIS ...	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Minor and achieved on his 17th birthday † First seven-method peal.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	4
*MICHAEL J. BEST ...	2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ...	5
MISS FAITH M. CHILD	3	HERBERT A. MITCHELL...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all except treble.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas have now rung 300 peals together. These comprise 94 on tower bells and 206 on handbells. Have any other married couples better records?

Congratulations to Mr. Cyril Valentine, of the Chester Guild, on his 100th peal.

The hon. librarian would be grateful if requests for publications were not sent during August.

Two new trebles have been recently installed at Mark, Somerset, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, making a ring of eight. The new bells were dedicated on July 21st.

To-morrow a party gathers at Carbis Bay for a ringing holiday. Eight peal attempts, including one at Truro Cathedral, and visits to eight other towers, is the programme for the week.

London University Association are also having a ringing week starting on Saturday with headquarters at Ilkley. The party numbers 20, and the peal attempts include Leeds Parish Church and Bradford Cathedral.

The claim that the handbell peal at Llandilo on June 24th was the first 'in hand' for St. David's Guild was nine days late. This honour goes to Mr. W. F. Moreton and his band who rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Lampeter on June 15th.

First festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Veryan on September 27th, 1898. Fifty-two years later the first peal on the bells was rung. Canon J. A. Kempe, the first secretary of the Guild, was then vicar, and he arranged a full day's programme, viz., Holy Communion 8.30, luncheon, special ringers' service 3, tea 5, harvest festival service 7. Between these activities the bells were ringing the whole time, 20 minutes being allocated to each band of ringers present.

Mr. F. C. W. Knight informs us that the Kent peal tour starts on August 7th and ends on August 15th. Twenty-two peals will be attempted, and altogether 38 towers visited. The company numbers 31. Nine of the attempts will be Surprise methods.

The first peal by brothers since the war has been rung at Allensmore, Herefordshire, by the brothers Young.

Mr. David H. Anstey, of Alsager Training College, Stoke-on-Trent, has failed nine times to score his first peal of Surprise. He is determined to rectify this matter before ringing out 1948.

The St. Martin's (Catterick Camp) Society of Change Ringers has now 15 members. It has scored two peals recently—at East Wilton and on handbells in the camp.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, recalls as a novice ringing a quarter-peal at Langford Budville, Somerset, in 1917 or 1918. The conductor was Mr. Albert Tait. The circle in this tower was then awkward, the tenor being between the treble and fifth.

An in memoriam quarter of Stedman Triples was rung for Mr. Ernest E. Bish, whose death was announced last week, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on July 20th, by Miss A. Castle 1, R. Charge 2, T. G. Miller 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, L. G. Miles 5, J. W. Chapman 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Howard 8.

At the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Kingskerswell on July 24th, a discussion arose regarding complaints recently received as to inferior ringing at Buckfastleigh Abbey, and while the branch has no jurisdiction over visiting ringers from outside the county, it was recommended that the position should be watched.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

IT was at a meeting held in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral at noon on Whit Tuesday, May 18th, 1880, attended by about 150 ringers from all parts of the county, that the Dean of Canterbury, after a few prefatory remarks, called on the Bishop of Dover to propose the first resolution, viz.:—

1. That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that an Association for the cultivation of change ringing be formed for this county.

Seconded by Mr. J. R. Hall and carried unanimously.

About a dozen bands were admitted to the Society on the first day, besides several who joined as probationers. From this small beginning has grown one of the largest of all ringing organisations, and whatever views may be held as to the desirability of relating ringing societies to their own dioceses, one hopes that this one, at all events, will never be called other than 'The Kent County Association.'

The new Association's first secretary was the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugesson, of Mersham, near Ashford, and when, having accepted a living out of the county, he resigned in 1889, the number of practising members had become 521. There was also one vice-president, whose chaplain had replied to the secretary's invitation that 'His Lordship quite recognises the importance of the work and its proper organisation, and will gladly give his name, but cannot promise any money assistance.'

For the first eight years or so all the work of the Association was borne by the secretary, but in his last year of office the county was divided into five districts — Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone, Rochester and Tonbridge— to give more scope for its activities. A sixth, the Lewisham District, was added in 1892, and this arrangement continues at the present time.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who became the second general secretary, held the post for two years only, and on July 13th, 1891, he was succeeded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was to remain in office for the long period of 38 years, until advancing years compelled him to retire.

CANON F. J. O. HELMORE.

Frederick John Ottley Helmore was born in London on December 2nd, 1851, the son of the Rev. Thomas Helmore, organist of the Chapel Royal. Educated at St. Paul's School, he went up to Oriel College, Oxford, and was subsequently ordained deacon at Hereford in 1875. In 1878 he was appointed a Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral and Precentor of the Cathedral in 1883, an office which he held for nearly 50 years. He became a ringer only by accident. In 1882 a company applied to the then Dean for permission to learn to ring on the Cathedral bells, which was granted only on condition that one of the Cathedral clergy could be induced to superintend their ringing, which Canon Helmore was reluctantly prevailed upon to do. He eventually became no mean practical ringer, taking part in 205 peals up to Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques, but it is for his work as general secretary that he deserves most to be remembered. When he took up office the Association had 616 members in all; when he retired the resident membership alone was nearly 1,000. The balance in hand had increased from £90 to £620. A Belfry Repairs Fund, which he started in 1895, has since its inception, paid out £269, and a Benevolent Fund, set up in 1912, has made grants of £373 to necessitous or aged members. In addition to being general secretary and treasurer, Canon Helmore represented the Association on the Central Council from 1894 to 1929. He died in 1938 at the great age of 87 years.

Almost his first act as secretary was to negotiate the formation of the Lewisham District. It was to cover an area in which the Association had rather a precarious foothold, as there already existed a Society known as the Trinity Youths, a revival of an old London Society. Canon Helmore offered, if the Society would agree to amalgamate with the County Association, to call the new district the 'Trinity Youths' District,' but the Youths would have none of this. At a meeting held at Greenwich on April 5th, 1892 they resolved 'that it is inexpedient to amalgamate the Society of Trinity Youths with the Kent County Association, and that the secretary be



CANON F. J. O. HELMORE.

requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the secretary of the Kent County Association and to "The Bell News."' However, the Lewisham District was duly formed, and almost within a year the Trinity Youths had ceased to exist.

RECORD LENGTHS CRITICISED.

The subsequent history of the Association has been of steady rather than spectacular progress. Occasionally some incident marred its otherwise smooth running, such as in 1897, when Canon Helmore reported that 'towards the end of the year it transpired that several conductors had been in the habit of using visible aid to memory in calling peals. The introduction of such a practice seriously depreciates the merit of a peal, and for that reason no analysis of peals is given in the report.' This was typical of Canon Helmore. He never hesitated to express his own opinions, however much they may have differed from the general view. Some years later he referred to a long peal attempt by saying that it was 'happily abandoned after 4½ hours' ringing. . . . Many of us are of the opinion that these . . . . attempts at record-breaking should be steadily discouraged, and even prohibited. Church bells were never intended for such vainglorious uses.'

The 1,000 membership mark was reached for the first time in 1904, and by June, 1914, the total was 1,229. 'We advance by slow degrees,' said the secretary in his report that year, 'but we are gradually drawing nearer the day when, as we hope, change ringing shall be firmly established in all our county towers.'

The outbreak of war two months later naturally brought ringing almost to a standstill. Over 350 of the Association's resident members joined the Services before the end of hostilities. Sixty lost their lives, and as a memorial to them the Association raised nearly £250 to cover the cost of adding two trebles to the peal of ten at Canterbury Cathedral. The new bells, cast by Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated by Archbishop Davidson in October, 1923, and Kent was thus provided with the second of its peals of twelve, the only other being at the privately owned Waterloo Tower in Quex Park, Birchington.

Despite the ravages of war, the Association soon recovered numerically; indeed, by 1921 over 1,000 resident practising members were recorded for the first time, more than 300 having been elected during 1920. From a ringing point of view the revival was not so marked, but this, perhaps, was common to ringing all over the country. Still, by 1922 the secretary could say that 'change ringing is more general, and practice in some of the higher methods is on the increase.'

In 1929, Canon Helmore retired after his long period of untiring and successful work. At the jubilee meeting of the Association at Canterbury in the following year the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had earlier preached at the festival service in the Cathedral and presided at the lunch, presented him with a cheque, a case of pipes, and an illuminated address recording the members' warm appreciation of his services. Over 400 were present at one of the largest assemblies of ringers ever seen at a gathering of this kind.

It was no easy matter to follow in Canon Helmore's footsteps, but in Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend (who was Master of the College Youths during 1933), and who had previously been secretary of the Rochester District since 1919, the Association found a worthy successor. Mr. Mitchell was to hold office through the difficult period of the early 1930's and during the Second World War. The county was, of course, badly affected by the recent war, because of its proximity to enemy-held territory, and it was with no little difficulty that the Association was held together during those crucial years. Increasing pressure of work compelled him to resign in 1945, when the office of treasurer, hitherto part of the secretary's duties, was created. Mr. Mitchell, who had guarded the Association's finances with the same care as his predecessor, was a natural choice for the post, having at his disposal assets of nearly twelve hundred pounds.

Mr. G. H. Spice, of Tunstall, who, like Mr. Mitchell, was also formerly Rochester district secretary, succeeded him as general secretary. His arrangements for the first post-war annual meeting, held at Canterbury in 1946 and attended by some 300 ringers, were acclaimed on all sides as a triumph of organisation, and under his leadership the Association must continue to progress as before.

The most recent development has been the appointment of a peal secretary, and Mr. P. A. Corby is the first holder of that office. For many years previously valuable assistance in the collation of peals and compositions for the annual reports had been given anonymously by Mr. Stafford Green while he resided in the county.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

The Association has been fortunate in its general secretaries, but their work could never have been carried out satisfactorily without the co-operation of the district secretaries, several of whom have or had to their credit many years of faithful service. Most outstand-

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THE DEVON TOUR

A Week of Achievement

As a result of the untiring efforts of Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, in making excellent local arrangements, the Devon tour from July 3rd to 10th was an unqualified success. History was made for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, as no fewer than eight new performances for the Guild were recorded. Thirteen tower-bell peals and three 'in hand' were scored in ten methods.

The company assembled at Newton Abbot station on Saturday afternoon (July 3rd), some having arrived the night before and the rest that day. The Whitley Bay contingent had to travel all night. The bus, our companion for the week, complete with Mr. Bennett, was waiting to receive us. Getting down to business at once, we went to Kingsteignton. Eight of us rang a peal of London, and the rest proceeded to headquarters at Buckfastleigh.

For morning service on Sunday we rang at Dean Prior, a good peal of six, now not often rung. On Sunday afternoon those not in the peal at Buckfastleigh journeyed to Teignmouth and rang for evensong at St. James' Church. The ringing included Grandsire Doubles for a local ringer, and a touch of Spliced as people walked through the circle to go into church.

There were two peal attempts on Monday morning. Painswick was successful at Highweek and Bristol inexplicably lost at Wolborough just after half-way. On Monday afternoon Rutland was lost at Teignmouth while the rest of the party rang on the six at Bishopsteignton.

On Tuesday the attempts at Plympton St. Mary and St. Andrew's, Plymouth, were both successful. During the former there was ringing at Plympton St. Maurice, and in the afternoon at Emmanuel, Plymouth. On Wednesday morning a promising attempt for London at Chudleigh had to be abandoned owing to the indisposition of one of the band. There was extra ringing on the light six at Bickington. Belgrave failed at Bovey Tracey, and Bristol was successful at Moretonhampstead on Wednesday afternoon. The last failure of the week was at Babbacombe on Thursday morning, when London was lost five courses from the end. On Friday afternoon there was ringing at St. Thomas', Exeter, for those not in the peal at Heavitree. Broadclyst and Heavitree bells were outstanding in a week of very good bells.

DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

The week was not without its difficult situations. One tall dark young man from Lincoln, who shall be nameless, had the misfortune on the night of his arrival to walk into the wrong bedroom. Finding a lady in bed, he made a tactful, if hasty, withdrawal. A difficulty later in the week was to provide supper for band ringing the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques. At least the supper was easily provided, but the mode of keeping it warm was of necessity a little unorthodox. We understand, however, that the particular method adopted is highly recommended and may at some future date prove useful to the ringers' wives faced with the problem of keeping a meal warm for their husbands returning from a late peal. The system is to enfold carefully a large quantity of fish and chips well wrapped up in newspaper in various blankets and eiderdowns and to place carefully on a bed. We understand that fish and chips can, in this way, be kept warm for several hours.

A number of impressions come to mind from the beautiful ride to Buckland-in-the-Moor to the scene in the ruined aisles of the bombed Church of St. Andrew, Plymouth. Instead of allowing this once glorious Parish church to become a desolate waste, the people of Plymouth have produced beautiful lawns and gardens on what was the floor of the church. The noble ring of ten is still quite intact, and it was a great experience to walk on Plymouth Hoe listening to Yorkshire Royal, the first for the Devon Guild, rolling out in the distance. .

In most of the towers we visited the 'go' of the bells was remarkably good. Evidently the call-change ringers have much to teach change ringers in many places on this important subject. A possible exception was Ipplepen. The locals were sceptical about our chances of scoring a peal. Indeed, their fears were almost justified. We started for Rutland, but after the clock had struck ten in a most violent manner the clock wire was jerked off the peg. With the clock hammer striking the tenor in addition to the clapper, it sounded as if Big Bill Beeson was doing about six lots of 5-6 places all at once. By the time we stopped, the tenor was down and clock hammer no more. However, we pulled the tenor up again and decided to start for Stedman Triples. Thus it was that Mark White's 60th peal was appropriately enough 'Pulling's Delight Triples.' From the warming Bill received in blowing behind, the change of music was just as well. The locals here were very impressed with the ringing. Two of them wanted to know how long it would take to learn change-ringing, and in the 'local' mine host enquired if we would be available to come and ring for the flower show. We believe that Mr. Bennett has been commissioned to forward details, so that this peal, the first on the bells, can be recorded in the tower.

On Saturday afternoon the bus developed slight engine trouble, but we arrived in due course at Okehampton, where the Vicar and Mr. F. C. Smale, the general secretary of the Devon Guild, awaited us in the tower. Spliced Surprise was rung on the tower bells, and four enthusiasts rang a peal of Bob Major on handbells in the vestry at the same time. The lovely ride back over the moors was a fitting conclusion to an eventful week.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—continued.

ing of these, perhaps, was William Latter, who guided the affairs of the Tonbridge District for 42 years, a record exceeded probably by one man only in any Association. Two others with equally creditable if not equally lengthy periods of service are Thomas Groombridge, sen., Lewisham District secretary for 21 years, and his successor, Alfred G. Hill, who is still in office after 23 years. Mr. Groombridge also represented the Association on the Central Council from 1906 to 1938.

(To be continued)

BELLS AND THE LAY EAR

Dear Sir,—In a recent broadcast quiz programme, two competitors were asked to name the number of bells in the peal used as the B.B.C. interval signal. One said four, the other six. The question master then played a recording of the bells, and the competitors again said four and six respectively. When told they were wrong, one reluctantly raised his bid to eight! The question master then solemnly informed them that there were, in fact, twelve bells in the peal at Bow!

That these gentlemen could not tell how many bells were being rung in a few well-struck call changes may perhaps give us cause to think again when discussing the respective merits of the music of some of our methods and their effect on the layman.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN PEARSON.

Vicarage Cottage, Warminster, Wilts.

LETTERS

Amplifying Bells

Dear Sir,—The authorities of a church whose bells are at present unringable have written to me for advice about installing gramophone records and amplifier; they also have submitted a list of records which have been recommended to them as possible for their purpose. Without wasting your valuable space with either a summary of my reply or a list of the more reasonable records they suggest, readers of 'The Ringing World' might like to know some of the records on the list. They are as follows:—

(1) Bells of Westminster Abbey, York Minster, Coventry Cathedral, Bath Abbey and St. Mary's, Puddletown, rung on Victory Day, 1945. Commentator, Frank Phillips.

(2) Clock Chimes and Bells: (a) Quarter-hour; (b) half-hour; (c) three-quarter hour; (d) twelve o'clock (household clock); (e) Big Ben chimes and twelve o'clock Telephone Bell.

(3) Wedding Record: (a) Bridal March; (b) Wedding March; (c) Bells. New Year Record: (a) Big Ben chimes and twelve o'clock; (b) Auld Lang Syne; (c) God Save the King.

(4) Fire engine effects: (a) Bell; (b) Siren; (c) Bell and Siren. Clock Chimes and Bells: (a) Quarter-hour; (b) half-hour; (c) three-quarter hour; (d) twelve o'clock.

(5) Wedding March and Ringing Bells: (a) Midnight; (b) Angelus; (c) Peals (my comment: this must be a very large record).

(6) School Bell, Sleigh Bells.

(7) (a) Telephone bell (intermittent ring); (b) Three types of Clock Ticking. Big Ben striking the quarters and twelve o'clock.

When your readers have blown off sufficient steam, they might perhaps agree that some of the above might be quite useful, coming out of tower and steeple. Some might be used to proclaim the coming of snow, others to proclaim good news, bad news, or indifferent news. The Vicar might put on No. 4 (a) when sufficient people had rung him for one morning, and No. 4 (a, b c) could break up undesirable political meetings. Perhaps the best use would be to broadcast all seven records at once to demonstrate what the atomic age has brought us to.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. G. THURLOW.

St. Clement's Rectory, Norwich.

EAST ILSLEY'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In my letter published in last week's 'Ringing World' there are two mistakes: (1) The three trebles were added in 1921 and not 1922 as I stated; (2) only the 6th was recast when the trebles were added and not all the old five, as I said.

Please accept my apologies for errors.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. HIBBERT.

East Ilsley, Berks.

DUCK OR DABCHICK?

Dear Sir,—Your recent correspondence re the Aldbourne Bell Foundries has been both enlightening and interesting. I secured some years ago from a local shepherd one of Cor's bells. At that time it was still in use as a sheep-bell; it is now in Cheltenham Museum. This also has the founder's mark, depicting (as described by Mr. F. Sharpe) a duck.

May I suggest, however, that it is not a duck but a dabchick. Dabchick has been the nickname of Aldbournites for generations, and was probably adapted as a kind of trade mark by the Cor family. Maybe some of your readers heard broadcast recently on West Regional a narrative alluding to the bird and village which has made Aldbourne locally famous.—Thanking you, yours sincerely,

T. A. PALMER.

Aldbourne, Wilts.

Yorkshire Surprise at Beaumaris

For some years the writer has had a keen desire to ring a peal at Beaumaris, and permission was sought and given in June, 1947. Unfortunately he chose a date that clashed with Chester Guild meetings at Frodsham and Macclesfield and, despite a great effort by Mr. J. C. E. Simpson to get a band, the attempt had to be cancelled a week before the date fixed as only seven men were available. That year the writer had to content himself with a view of the church from a steamer in the Menai Straits, when he vowed he would return the following year and ring a peal of Yorkshire.

His first task was to convince his wife that North Wales was the ideal place for a holiday in 1948. This was not difficult, and the next step was to consult the Cheshire men as to a suitable date. That settled, an application for permission was again made early in the year, and again the application was successful, Mr. Jones, the local captain, assuring the band of a hearty welcome. On Tuesday, June 29th, a card was received from Mr. Simpson saying everything was O.K., and on Friday, July 2nd, the writer set out for Chester on the first stage of his journey.

At 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, however, the plans received a severe jolt when one of the band rang up Mr. J. E. Bibby at Frodsham to say he was unable to come. Mr. Simpson, who had by then arrived, was consulted, and Mr. Bibby sent his wife to Runcorn to try and persuade Mr. W. E. Allman to stand in. At 11 a.m. Mrs. Bibby rang up to say Mr. Allman would go, so the situation eased again.

Meanwhile, the writer was speeding through North Wales sublimely unaware of the frantic efforts being made at Frodsham. Having safely deposited his wife and young daughter—to say nothing of the luggage—at Llandudno, he unobtrusively withdrew from the scene and boarded a bus for Bangor and thence to Beaumaris, arriving at 1.50 p.m. The peal was to start between 2 and 3 p.m.

The first man he spoke to in Beaumaris was, strangely enough, Mr. Jones, the local captain, who had everything ready. The bells had been oiled, the ropes were in good order, and the condition of the bells and ringing chamber was a credit to him. At 3 p.m., no one else had arrived, but Mr. Jones was assured: 'Don't worry, they'll come all right.' This assurance was repeated at 3.30 p.m., but with a note of anxiety, and at 3.45 p.m. the assurance was repeated with a slightly greater note of anxiety. Shortly afterwards, however, four of the band arrived, and whilst waiting for the arrival of the other three a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung, conducted by Mr. Jones.

At 4.20 p.m. a start was made for the peal, and after two hours and fifty-seven minutes 'That's all' was called. The writer has made that call on quite a few occasions, but seldom indeed with such a glow of complete satisfaction as on this occasion. The peal itself was without incident, as was to be expected with that band.

A call was made for light refreshments, and this brought out maps of Somerset, but that will be another story.

J. E. C.

Winchester and Portsmouth

GUILD SUBSCRIPTION INCREASED.

The annual meeting was held at Andover on July 3rd and was attended by over 60 members and friends representing seven of the eight districts of the Guild. At the general meeting presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), the chairman of the Andover District (Rev. A. S. Gidlow), welcomed the gathering and expressed his pleasure in meeting them. The Master was supported by Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary) and Mr. W. Linter (hon. treasurer).

The accounts and balance sheets as printed in the annual report were unanimously adopted, and the treasurer thanked the district secretaries for their valuable work in collecting the subscriptions.

To meet the increased cost of maintaining the Guild's activities and to retain its financial stability it was decided to increase the annual subscription of ringing members from 2s. to 3s. to operate from January 1st, 1949.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Wiliams; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. general treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis.

It was decided to adopt a war memorial scheme, and a sub-committee was appointed, consisting of the officers and district secretaries to examine various proposals from all districts and to report to next annual meeting. One scheme that was suggested was to increase the peal at Portsmouth Cathedral to ten in conjunction with any assistance that might be agreed upon by the Cathedral and/or civic authorities. The general secretary said he would approach the Provost and see if he was sympathetic to such a scheme if the Guild decided to adopt it, and possibly provide one of the two new bells.

The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at Southampton on July 2nd, 1949.

It was pointed out that next year would be the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Guild, and it was agreed to hold a meeting at Basingstoke (where it was founded) on June 25th. The foundation date was June 26th, 1879.

Tea was served after the Guild service was held in the Parish Church. Various rings of bells around Andover were available to members during the day.

NORTHILL'S VICTORY BELL

On the morning of July 7th a party of ringers and friends left Northill, Bedfordshire, for London. The main objective was the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, where Northill's new victory bell was to be cast that afternoon. At the foundry, the party, which now included ringing friends from St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, was welcomed by Mr. Hughes.

The great moment arrived. A shower of silver coins and a gold ring enriched the molten bell metal and, with a few little 'refrains,' coupled with expressions of good luck, the bell was cast.

The rest of the day passed very quickly and enjoyably. Two ladies who nearly missed seeing the bell, and the two gentlemen who had fillet of beef for lunch will long remember the day when Northill's victory bell was cast.

Midland Counties Guild

VISIT THE CATHEDRAL OF NEEDWOOD FOREST.

The summer meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Hoar Cross on Saturday, July 17th, when 40 ringers and friends assembled from Burton St. Paul's and St. Modwen's, Ashby, Repton, Winshill, Lullington, Seales, Derby St. Luke's and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Asbury (Cheshire) and Longton.

On the outward journey a short stay was made at Barton-under-Needwood, where Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung before continuing the journey to Hoar Cross.

Much could be written of this beautiful church, with its wonderfully carved Stations of the Cross, being the work of two Antwerp craftsmen. It is interesting to note that the stations came over to England in the plain carving, the beautiful rich colouring and gilding being executed at Hoar Cross under the guidance of the foundress, Mrs. Meynell Ingram.

The carved and decorated chancel screen and Calvary, the glorious stained glass windows, all combine in giving this beautiful church a cathedral-like atmosphere.

The Vicar (Rev. G. N. Strong) conducted a short service and spoke of recently visiting a bombed cathedral and the bells ringing out with all their triumphal and victorious notes of joy amidst the ruins, and in conclusion the Vicar appealed to the ringers not to dissociate their ringing from the church services.

Following tea in the Meynall Ingram Arms, it was decided to invite the Derby District of the Derbyshire Association to a joint meeting at Repton on August 21st.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for use of the bells and for the address, to the organist who deputised at short notice, and to the local members for tea arrangements.

Methods rung during the visit included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford Bob, Double Court Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT MEET AT GUILDEN MORDEN.

In these days of petrol rationing, a meeting at an isolated tower is always a doubtful venture, but thanks to visiting ringers from the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations, the meeting at Guilden Morden on Saturday, July 10th, was a great success. After the service, a substantial tea was enjoyed at the Three Tuns. We feel sure this was needed by some of our younger members, who had cycled about twenty miles; we only hope they did not take the wrong turning on the way home as did the writer on his Rolls Royce auto-cycle.

A very welcome visitor was Mr. Pratt, from Holywood, Northern Ireland, on holiday in Cambridge, who at the meeting following tea extended a hearty invitation to any ringers visiting Northern Ireland. All were very pleased to see our secretary, Mr. H. Martin, with us again after his operation.

Good striking was somewhat hindered by the treble being disinclined to go up at back-stroke, but when someone obligingly broke the stay this difficulty was overcome, and the ringing concluded with some good London and Cambridge Minor.

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QUARTER PEALS

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS. — On July 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. A. Flint 1, C. E. Carr 2, G. F. Ball (first in method) 3, W. R. Drury 4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5, A. Patrick 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 4. Rung for wedding of Mr. Jim Bird (son of Mr. H. Bird, local captain) and Miss Dorothy Willmore.

BURFORD, OXON. — On July 4th, 1,260 Hereward Bob Triples: J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden (first in method as cond.) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — At St. Paul's on July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Foster (first of Triples) 1, Miss N. Brain 2, W. J. Leach 3, H. Harrison 4, G. Harrison 5, E. J. White (first 'inside') 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, L. Chamberlain 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Arlett (first quarter) 1, R. Andrews 2, D. Sleet (cond.) 3, G. Oliver 4, R. Collins 5, R. Coleman 6.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. S. Stuart (Ilfracombe) 1, A. H. Hayward (cond.) 2, Miss B. M. Bryles 3, L. G. Walters 4, C. Rook 5, S. Hough, jun. (Macclesfield) 6, A. Harman (Leatherhead) 7, T. Yeo 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 3.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Chapman (first quarter) 1, H. Kilby 2, B. Hubbard 3, L. E. Chapman 4, N. Moyes (first in method as cond.) 5, J. J. Morris 6. First in method 3 & 4.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On July 4th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, W. H. Hewitt 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, F. P. Mead 5, R. H. Begrie 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 4th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Cooper 1, Miss P. Steere (first of Caters) 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, C. Parks 4, E. Razzell 5, T. Bulgin 6, H. G. Pratt 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, G. H. Humphries 10.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Nora Wall 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, A. Hill 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. C. Stacey 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. Dawe 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Kent 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, A. Harding 4, T. Davies 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. R. Macdonald (cond.) 7, F. Miller 8.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Poole 1, R. Beale 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, W. H. Poole 5, J. T. Locke 6, W. H. Turner 7, J. W. Drew (first of Major as cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 3.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On July 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, Ian Halls 3, E. W. Furbank 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green 7, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 1, 5 and 6. First of Surprise by the Sunday service ringers.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's on July 5th, 1,272 Bob Minor: J. Hobden 1, W. E. Stepney 2, A. Robinson 3, E. G. D. Tonkin 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, G. Beeney 6. First of Minor 'inside' by 2 and 3.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Silver 1, Miss J. Smith 2, N. F. D. Coleridge 3, J. Brent 4, H. Calcomb 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. Hessey (cond.) 7, J. Dobson 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 11th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 1, F. W. Bishop (first in method) 2, R. Newman 3, C. A. Parsons 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, C. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, C. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, W. Wedlock (Epping Upland) 5, R. W. Stannard 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

LAMBETH, LONDON. —On July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. G. Kitchen 1, J. Bullock (cond.) 2, Miss A. Castle 3, J. H. Lott 4, T. H. Taffender 5, C. W. Ottley 6, H. G. Andrews 7, W. Hardy 8.

LEEDS, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Hannington (first of Doubles) 1, Leslie Jarvis 2, Lawrence T. Pope (cond.) 3, Albert Kemp 4, S. Geoffrey Waters 5. Rung on the back five.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On July 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Morris 1, Miss Jill Poole 2, Rev. C. C. Cox 3, C. W. Powell 4, H. C. Edward 5, H. G. Keeley 6, P. Staniforth 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—On July 11th at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Castle 1, E. J. Rowe (first in method) 2, J. Bullock (cond.) 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. A. Hughes 5, W. Brainch (first in method) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. H. Lott 8.

LILLINGTON, LEAMINGTON SPA.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Collett 1, W. Oakley 2, Miss E. Hall 3, W. Male 4, R. J. Edden 5, P. W. Jarvis 6, J. R. Ball (cond.) 7, D. Allibon 8. In memoriam Mr. Burt, of Lillington.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.—On July 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Grain (first of Major) 1, D. Clark (first of Major 'inside') 2, M. J. Thurmott (first on eight as cond.) 3, S. G. Elsey 4, C. Gimbert 5, O. A. Needham 6, R. H. Bullen 7, E. H. Mastin 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX. — On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, T. Pink 3, Miss V. Hunwicke 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. In memoriam the Rev. Edgar Bentley, Rector.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's, on July 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. F. Judge 1, E. G. Moore (first in method 'inside') 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, N. I. Allnatt 4, J. Higgins 5, C. Coles 6, W. J. Porter 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rector, the Rev. M. A. P. Wood.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Robson 1, D. G. Beach (first quarter) 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, J. W. Cornford 4, H. Spencer 5, H. Chaddock 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On July 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Cattell 1, D. Cattell 2, T. Clark 3, W. Wenban (cond.) 4, W. J. Nudds 5, R. E. Wenban 6, G. H. Hughes 7, J. E Rootes 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On July 4th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. B. Sansom 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, W. S. Langdon 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, H. Langdon 7, H. Belcher 8, J. E. Chilcott (first of Caters as cond.) 9, J. H. Rumley 10.

STROUD, GLOS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, J. Gay (first quarter) 2, A. J. Pitman 3, B. Latham 4, G. Latham 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, R. Thain 7, R. Sharpe 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On July 4th, at the Abbey Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams (cond.) 1, E. T. Newbury 2, W. Dyer 3, P. Baker (first of Stedman Triples) 4, T. Boreham 5, W. A. Theobald 6, L. Aston (first of Stedman Triples) 7, F. Miles 8.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Yarrow (first quarter) 1, G. Markwell 2, J. Lawrence 3, S. Shipp (cond.) 4, H. Sharpe 5, G. Gillett 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On July 4th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, E. A. Reeve 2, T. G. Miller 3, E. L. Miles 4, C. D. Nichols 5, L. G. Franks 6, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging in ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—On July 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Chilcott 1, H. R. Newton 2, W. S. Langdon 3, P. E. Clark 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, H. Langdon 6, A. R. Macdonald (cond.) 7, H. Belcher 8.

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The first peal in this method, which is Yorkshire below the treble and Pudsey above, was rung at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on April 3rd, 1948, for the Essex Association, conducted by P. A. Corby.

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WARMINSTER RINGERS TOUR THE HARDY COUNTRY.

This year Warminster ringers toured Dorset, and the Thomas Hardy lovers were able to see Shaston, Egdon Heath, Coomb Castle and other well-known Hardy spots.

Ringing began on a fine eight at Blandford's semi-classical 18th century church, with Grandsire Triples (successfully) and Stedman and Plain Bob Major (less accurately). Next another fine eight at Wareham—another interesting church with its unique hexagonal lead font. Here Dr. Cunningham welcomed and rang with the band.

After lunch at Swanage, some enthusiasts dashed off to Corfe Castle to 'snatch a tower.' They were unsuccessful as a funeral was in progress. A hurried return to Swanage brought its reward with ringing at St. Mary's, where Wimborne and Swanage ringers were holding a practice.

Kingston, with its beautiful church of polished Purbeck marble, was the next stop, and again a good ring of eight was much appreciated after an exciting chase round the village for the key (and Test match news!).

It was decided to try Corfe Castle once more and this time the tower was available. But the six were found difficult to ring, the fact that the fourth was tucked away behind the clock case adding to the excitement. However, a touch of Grandsire Doubles came round to everyone's surprise, and the band went on to St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, to ring on a pleasant six the best touch of the day, some well-struck Bob Minor. C.N.P.

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 31st, Ellesborough, 3 p.m. Bring tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3850

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Reopening Tibshelf bells (6), Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 3. Service 6.30; Rev. T. E. Fowler. Presentation during service to Messrs. H. Draycott and J. Draycott. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Tea 5; bring own food.—J. W. Price, Sec. 3870

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Knebworth, July 31st, 3 p.m. Sorry unable to provide teas.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 3878

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattershall, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Fortesque Hotel at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3843

HEREFORDSHIRE GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Coddington, July 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire. 3857

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Combined August Bank Holiday meeting of Portsmouth and Southampton Districts. Bells available (all 8's): Bishop's Waltham, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Soberton, 2-4 p.m.; Curdridge, 2-4.30 p.m. Service (4.30) and tea (5.15) at Curdridge. Soberton and Curdridge bells available after tea. Names for tea to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 3847

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rotherham (10), Monday, Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Good teas obtainable at the British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 3808

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION. —Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4. List of tea shops in tower. Tea notifications to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 3821

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—Church of the Annunciation. No Sunday ringing or practices from August 5th until September 2nd inclusive. Ringing recommences September 5th.—F. C. W. Knight. 3862

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Names to me by previous Wednesday. No. 8 bus to Blackbird Cross.—T. J. Lock, District Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 3848

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Speldhurst (8), Aug. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, Tonbridge. 3856

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on August 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3860

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Parbold (8), Saturday, Aug. 7th, 2.30. Tea, 3s. per head, to those who notify Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, by Aug. 4th. Make it a good meeting. Election of new branch secretary.—N. Heaps. 3861

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District.—Meeting, Mablethorpe, Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards; important Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 4th, to Miss D. Clarke, 13, Regent Road, Mablethorpe. —H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3863

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will be at Rochdale Parish on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells at 4. Business meeting in tower 6.30.—I. Kay. 3869

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6) Saturday, Aug. 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 3867

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Mapledurham (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Picnic tea; room if wet. Kindly bring own food.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 3866

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3864

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Ruskington (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. T. Warrington, Rectory Road, Ruskington. 3876

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at Lymington on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Notify for tea by Aug. 5th. —Secretary, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3875

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Saturday, Aug. 7th, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3877

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, West Grinstead (6), Aug. 7th, 3. Tea. Names for tea by Aug. 4th.—G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3874

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting Aug. 7th, Abbotts Leigh. Ringing 3. Tea 5. Please book by Aug. 4th.—C. H. Wood. 3872

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Darfield, Aug. 7th, 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, 62, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, not later than Aug. 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3880

DEVON GUILD.—Meeting, Broadclyst, Aug. 7th, 2.30. Visitors welcomed. Tea.—F. C. Smale. 3882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Names for tea by Monday, Aug. 9th, please, to F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, near Rugby. 3871

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Notify for tea by Aug. 11th, E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 3873

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, Sat., Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3855

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe at Hoo (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea followed by business meeting 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 10th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 3865

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names must be sent to W. Hayes, Moreton's Place, Flamstead, Herts, by Wednesday, Aug. 11th.—W. C. Hughes. 3883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Hersham, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3881

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SARUM REPORTS

WHILE there is a note from the Master (the Rev. C. Carew Cox) expressing regret that paper restrictions and the increased cost of printing has curtailed the report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for 1947, it contains much of general interest.

Peals and meetings, comments the Master, give some indication of activity and advance; but the solid work of implanting the aims of the Guild and the steady tuition going on rarely comes into the limelight, yet that is how the seeds of progress and fraternity are sown. An outstanding example of this is the work of Mr. L. A. Wilson, whose 50 years' association with Wootton Bassett Church and his able piloting of the Calne Branch received fitting recognition by the new treble at Lyneham being inscribed with his name.

Ringers have often been accused of isolationism. The Rev. C. Carew Cox takes up this point and suggests that the objects and work of Diocesan and County Guilds are not perhaps so well known to the public as ringers might think. He suggests the holding of a Ringers' Sunday occasionally, if not annually, as an effective way of enlightening people about the high ideals of this branch of Church service and for gaining support when restorations and augmentations to bells are projected. As an example, he quotes Fordington St. George, where the Ringers' Sunday provided the opportunity for launching an appeal to rehang the bells.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, who has been hon. secretary of the Guild since 1913, calls attention to the 50 peals rung during the year, which he states 'afford proof of greatly increased interest in change ringing and of valuable work quietly and steadily done by those engaged in giving instruction and assistance in different parts of the Diocese.' A peal rung on the fine bells of Bishop's Cannings was a signal achievement—the first of Stedman Triples for all the band. A peal of Bob Major at Warminster marked the completion by Mr. E. F. White of 50 years' devoted service in that tower, while another of Bob Minor at Hilperton celebrated the 78th birthday of Mr. W. J. Mees, with a record of 75 years as a a ringer to his credit! When the Master of the Winchester Guild attained his 90th birthday eight members of the Salisbury Guild invaded the neighbouring Diocese and rang a peal at Sherfield English in his honour. First peals have been duly rung on the augmented octaves at Amesbury and Downton and on the new bells at Martinstown.

TEN BELL PEAL

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in D.

*ALAN ROGERS ...	...*Treble*	FREDK. W. STOKES ...	6
CHARLES MACGUINESS...	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
ERIC A. DENCH	3	WALTER TOMLINSON ...	8
KENNETH S. B. CROFT...	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
†SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ...	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor. A wedding compliment to Rev. V. I. Dalby, Vicar of St. Giles', Lincoln, and Miss V. Brunton.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES ...	...*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ...	2	RICHARD BENSON	6
EILEEN H. BASTOW ...	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	DAVID VINCENT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. R. D. St. J. Smith.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

SYDNEY H. BARRON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE ROBINSON ...	5
HARRY DAVISON	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	3	GEORGE BENFIELD	7
*DONALD R. MARSHALL...	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	...*Treble*	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	5
DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ...	7
WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	4	*THOMAS E. SONE	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOS. E. SONE.
* 50th peal together. Birthday peal for Alfred W. Durham and the conductor.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	5
WILFRED W. RING ...	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	6
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 22½ cwt

JOSEPH A. FENTON	...*Treble*	EDWARD G. GOBEY ...	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	ARTHUR W. WARD	6
F. JOHN STIMSON	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	7
CECIL H. JALLANDS ...	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.
In memoriam R. H. Bartram.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. KIMBER	...*Treble*	*F. GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	5
MRS. DORA EVANS ...	2	FREDK. A. TARGETT ...	6
*MRS. T. W. KIMBER ...	3	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY ...	4	ROGER O. FRY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. J. HAWKINS.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ...	...*Treble*	JAMES HIGGINS	5
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	2	WILLIAM JUDGE	6
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
NOEL J. DISERENS ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.
First peal as conductor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES F. HARVEY ...	...*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	2	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
LEONARD TREVOR	3	*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

W. NORMAN PARK	...*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
THOMAS SENIOR	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
*DENIS A. FRITH	3	GEORGE F. NEWTON ...	7
RONALD AIREY	4	JACK R. WORRALL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	...*Treble*	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ...	5
*A. ERNEST LONG ...	2	GEORGE POYNTZ	6
*W. MARTIN WALKER ...	3	THOMAS SIMMONS	7
†ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	4	GEORGE SAYER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by DANIEL WOODS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal of Major in the method 'inside.'

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*GRAHAM CARPENTER	...*Treble*	†A. LESLIE PEARSON ...	5
RONALD E. NORRIS ...	2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN...	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ...	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ...	4	CHAS. E. J. NORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
FRANK L. FISHER	4	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* 500th peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Regular Six-part No. 4. Tenor 9 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	5
W. MARTIN WALKER	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ALBERT E. BRACEY	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
EILEEN BRACEY	4	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK MATRAVERS	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. MORRIS	5
WILLIAM C. WARREN	2	HARRY BUNGAY	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
RONALD W. HAYWARD	4	FRANK G. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*REGINALD BEALE	*Treble*	†JACK W. DREW	5
MRS. E. S. POWELL	2	FREDERICK WELCH	6
†MISS MAUD CLARKE	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
DENNIS R. BEST	4	WALTER H. MARKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Clarke and the conductor.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.) in F.

GEORGE R. NEWTON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HESKETH	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
WILLIAM A. FARMER	3	THOMAS R. BUTLER	7
DAVID VINCENT	4	*EDWD. V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* 450th peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
ALFRED H. PULLING	4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
A compliment to Harold A. May on his coming-of-age.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

F. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	C. H. PAGE	5
MARGARET RIGBY	2	G. BIDDULPH	6
*MARGARET FLACKETT	3	A. PEAKE	7
ARNOLD MOORE	4	N. R. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Bob Major.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD SPENCER	*Treble*	*ROBERT L. SCARTH	5
SEDMAN H. STEEL	2	EDWARD RICKETT	6
†SHIRLEY BURTON	3	‡BERT SUTTON	7
HAROLD ROBSON	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major. ‡ First in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 29, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's (all Singles), each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FAITH M. CHILD	*Treble*	ALAN J. BUTLER	4
*JAMES E. DANIELS	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
GEORGE E. EVENDEN	3	HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.
* First peal of Minor.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	EILEEN BRACEY	4
LLOYD CHAPMAN	2	DAVID WARD	5
*JOHN E. FIDDY	3	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight 120's each April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury, and 18 of Grandsire.

*THOMAS W. THOMPSON	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
†WILFRED L. GOODACRE	2	CHARLES E. COOPER	4

HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... *Tenor*
Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' Rung on the patronal festival of St. Swithun and as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. S. B. Freeman.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

DERYCK TALBOT	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	4
HENRY A. PRATT	2	RONALD SUCKLING	5
CHARLES W. BURTON	3	STANLEY BONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
In memoriam Miss S. Hawkes, organist at Rayne for 50 years.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., July 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings.
Tenor approx. 8 cwt.

*ALAN ELSMORE	*Treble*	JOSEPH GREGORY	4
ARTHUR BOTTERILL	2	P. GEORGE GOLDEN	5
GEORGE W. HUGHES	3	FRED ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. GEORGE GOLDEN.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

STANLEY HARLOW	*Treble*	CLIFFORD ISSARD	4
REGINALD WEST	2	ERNEST FREEMAN	5
MISS EVELYN STEELE	3	PEARL INSKIP	*Tenor*

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.
A birthday compliment to R. West.

EAST WITTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*SGMN. M. ROY BOYER	*Treble*	SGMN. DENIS A. FRITH	4
SGMN. H. H. ABRAHAMS	2	O/CDT. ROBIN GUY	5
†SGMN. G. WALFORD	3	SERGT. JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SERGT. JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of: (1) St. Frideswide's; (2) Thurlby Bob; (3) St. Dunstan's; (4) Hudibras; (5) Somerville Bob; (6) Magdalen Bob; (7) Campion Bob; (8) Nuffield Bob; (9) Wadham Bob; (10) Chearsley Slow Course; (11) New Bob; (12) Oxford Bob; (13) London; (14) Union; (15) Stedman; (16) St. Simon's; (17) St. Martin's; (18) St. Matthew's; (19) St. Mark's; (20) Eynsham; (21) St. Leonard's; (22) Cassington; (23) St. Peter's; (24) Plain Bob; (25) Kennington; (26) Old; (27) Norfolk; (28) April Day; (29) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (30) St. Columb; (31) Clifford Pleasure; (32) Southrepps Pleasure; (33) St. Nicholas'; (34) St. Giles'; (35) Winchendon Place; (36) St. Miles'; (37) Grandsire; (38) St. Blaise; (39) Fortune; (40) Reverse St. Bartholomew; (41) Northrepps Pleasure; (42) Antelope. Tenor 6 cwt.

HARRY W. BADGER ...*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD 3
NORA HONEY 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 4
	ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in 42 methods by all the band. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

FREDK. W. MIDDLETON...*Treble*	W. MARTIN WALKER ... 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	GEORGE DAVIS 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Treble 8 cwt. in B.

REGINALD WOODYATT ...*Treble*	ALBERT W. HARTLAND ... 4
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

BURMARSH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., July 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	*WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Cambridge.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.

ARTHUR GIBBS ...*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	†BRIAN AUSTIN 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First in five methods. † First peal of Minor.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 4
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 2	*SIDNEY H. JONES 5
JACK BAILEY 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

CATTERICK CAMP, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT KEMMEL EDUCATION CENTRE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's with four different callings. Tenor size 18 in G.

SGMN. H. H. ABRAHAMS 1-2	SERGT. JACK R. WORRALL 3-4

SGMN. DENIS A. FRITH ... 5-6
Conducted by SERGT. JACK R. WORRALL.
Umpire: DENNIS EVANS.
First peal on handbells and of Bob Doubles by all the band.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. WULFRUM'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*RICHARD G. CROSLAND ... 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN 5-6
ERIC A. DENCH 3-4	†ALAN ROGERS 7-8

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.
* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.'

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT, 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FRED HODGSON 1-2	†WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
†PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	†JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
* 100th peal. † 100th peal together. Conductor's 250th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

MORRISTON (SWANSEA), GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.*
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 8 extents of April Day, 12 extents of Plain Bob, 22 extents of Grandsire. Tenor size 18 in G.

LEONARD JONES 1-2	ARTHUR HOARE 3-4

JULIAN MORGAN 5-6
Conducted by ARTHUR HOARE.
Witnesses: REV. J. WENDEL THOMAS AND L. PELZER.
First in three methods 'in hand' by all.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method on handbells by all.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

†PETER NIX 9-10
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman on 'inside' pair. † First peal of Stedman. A birthday peal for Mrs. E. Morris. Tenor size 17 in A.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JILL BRITTAIN 1-2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4	*FRANK E. DARBY 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT 74, HOOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

*TOM PAGE 1-2	JILL BRITTAIN 5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4	*JOHN H. HUNT 7-8

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on handbells.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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The history of the Kent County Association will be resumed next week.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James E. Bailey on July 26th at the early age of 35. A memoir will appear next week.

Doubles methods rung to a peal have now reached 42. Mr. Alan R. Pink's band is certainly making history.

The peal at Chatham on July 21st was in honour of the King's visit to the naval town. The band was composed of members who are in His Majesty's service.

Visitors are prominent in peals this month. At Mulbarton, Norfolk, there were performing Mr. W. Martin Walker (Ulceby, Lincs) and Mr. George Davis (Hereford).

Three noted personalities in the Yorkshire Association rang their 100th peal together at Pudsey on July 21st. It was also the 100th peal of Mr. F. Hodgson. The occasion was memorable.

That well-known Lancashire ringer, Mr. Charles Sharples, is leaving St. Anne's shortly to reside near Bude, Cornwall. A farewell peal was rung on July 24th.

The combined meeting at Yorktown on August 21st, in which three Guilds are participating is being planned on a big scale. Seven towers will be available, and a coach has been engaged to take the ringers round. Particulars are advertised in this issue.

It is unique to find that two ringers rang their 500th peal within two days of each other. Mr. E. Jenkins rang his at Skipton, Yorks, and Mr. Leslie C. Wightman at Framsden, Suffolk.

Mr. Wightman is probably the foremost eight-bell conductor in Suffolk. He is a member of the noted Helmingham band which before the war rang so many Surprise Major peals in new methods. We hope to publish his list at an early date.

Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Penwortham, who was recently elected vice-president of the Lancashire Association, hopes to be discharged from hospital in the near future. He had the misfortune on March 16th to fall and break a fibula, which has rendered him hors de combat.

To commemorate the 93rd anniversary of the consecration of St. John's, Deptford, on July 19th, two quarter-peals were rung by members of the society. The first, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, was called by John Warner, jun., the youngest member of the society, and the other, 1,260 Stedman Triples, by the oldest member, George H. Daynes.

The wedding of two well-known North Country ringers, Mr. C. Glenn and Mrs. J. Cotterell, took place at Grantham on July 29th. To celebrate the occasion the local band rang on the bells of St. Wulfram's 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. Johnson 1, S. Proctor (conductor) 2, P. Turner 3, E. Nidd 4, W. Thorpe 5, F. Parsons 6, A. Mackears 7, J. Cragg 8, T. Hall 9, R. Pick 8.

Mr. James George has been in hospital at Poole and had to undergo a serious operation to his stomach. He left the hospital on July 26th and returned to 118, Rossmore Road, Parkstone, Dorset. He writes to say that he is now improving. In conveying greetings, Mr. George reminds the heavy-bell fraternity that he still holds the record of turning in the tenor to 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 8 hours and 39 minutes on April 17th, 1911.

LETTERS

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw a peal of Treble Bob Royal, conducted by myself at St. Mary's, Stockport, on December 26th, 1936. The peal was composed by Mr. J. Tebbs, of Leeds, and is published in Snowden's 'Treble Bob.'

This composition was found to be false after ringing the peal of Treble Bob Royal at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, July 17th, 1948, using the same calling. Mr. C. K. Lewis was in the band, and he spotted the repetition while the peal was in progress and confirmed it afterwards.

I tender my apologies to both bands, and especially to the Rev. A. Clarke, Vicar of Christ Church, and his wife, for whose silver wedding the peal was rung.

THE COMPOSITION.

5,040 Treble Bob Royal by J. Tebbs.

23456 M. W. H.

1. 56342 1 2 2
   64523 2 2
2. 42356 1 2
   Twice repeated.

Yours faithfully,

J. WORTH.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

TRAVELLING BELL FOUNDERS

Dear Sir,—The information given by Mr. Shepherd of bells cast by a founder with initials 'R.B.' is interesting. He must have been a travelling bellfounder and visited Yorkshire. The fifth and tenor of the ring of six in the fine tower of Driffield Parish Church bear 'R.B.' The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble, 'Praise Him in His Holiness.' John Warner, 1879.

2nd, 'Praise Him in His Power.' John Warner, 1879.

3rd, 'Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.' H. Newton, Vicar. John Warner, 1879.

4th, 'Gloria in Altissimo Deo,' 1685, S.S. Ebor, T. D., Churchwarden.

5th, 'In Honore Sancte Trinitatis: Anno Domini, 1593. R.B.'

Tenor, 'Hec Campana Beata Trinitate: Fiat, A.D. 1593. R.B.'

Diameter 40¼in., approximately 11 cwt.

York. F. ATKINSON.

DEDICATION

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

On July 18th, at morning service, two new treble bells were dedicated at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Aylestone, Leicester, by the Right Rev. J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester. The ring has now been increased to eight bells.

One new bell is to be a war memorial to those of the congregation and parish who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War, 1939-1945, and the other to be in commemoration of the faithful departed who had served and worshipped in the church for past generations. The treble of the old six has been recast and the whole rehung in a new frame. The scheme has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

During the service, rounds and call changes were rung by the local band, who afterwards expressed complete satisfaction with both the tone and 'go' of the bells. Aylestone now possesses a splendid octave, tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

After the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung, and the ringers received many congratulations. The bell founders were represented by Messrs. D. Bradford and B. Newson.

Wednesday has been fixed for the weekly practice, and a warm welcome awaits all ringers.—F. E. W.

Devonshire Guild

MEETING AT KINGSKERSWELL.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Kingskerswell on July 24th, when visitors came from Buckerell, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Totnes and Buckfastleigh. The president and general secretary attended, and a welcome visitor was Mr. Peter Crook, sen., of Bolton.

The handy ring of six bells was well utilised during the afternoon, and this was later followed by a service in church conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. F. Rowe).

After an outdoor tea at the Whitpot Mill in very pleasant surroundings, the usual business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. J. E. Lilley (branch chairman). A letter was read from the Rector of Highweek, expressing great appreciation for the recent collection taken on behalf of the Highweek Church Restoration Fund. Regret was expressed at the illness of Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Paignton. Two non-members and three ordinary members were elected.

In accordance with the 1948 programme the quarterly meeting is due to be held in Torquay on October 30th, and the question of a visit to Dartmouth was left to the branch committee to arrange.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.—A. L. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District, Kent County Association, was held at Chartham on July 24th.

A fine warm afternoon attracted some 60 members and friends to the village and its ancient church, a point of interest in which is one of the oldest brasses in the country, the same being in perfect condition. The church also contains some original stained glass, and it was a pity to see that some of these panes had been broken recently by stone throwing.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the usual service, this being conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. G. Brade-Birks, Vicar of the adjoining parish of Godmersham.

Tea was held in the Cadets' Hut, and after a 'Dilnot tea' had been disposed of the usual business meeting was held. Five new members were elected, with one new tower, Eastry. Sturry was voted out of three towers nominated for the place of the next by-meeting.—B. J. L.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery, held at Wraxall on July 17th, was attended by ringers from Nailsea, Wraxall, Weston-Bath, Bristol, Abbot's Leigh, Clifton, Mark, Long Ashton, Wrington, Badgworth, Clevedon, Weston-in-Gordano, Chew Magna, Marksbury, Keynsham, Monmouth, with members of the Western Branch of the Ladies' Guild.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and there was a short service in church. At the business meeting which followed tea in the Battle Axes Inn, Chew Stoke and Weston-in-Gordano were selected as venues of the monthly practices in August and September, with the quarterly meeting at Portishead on October 9th, instead of October 16th (the proper date for this fixture), in order to avoid clashing with the Major Hesse memorial peal attempt at Wrington, an annual event on the third Saturday in that month.

Ringing continued throughout the evening in standard methods, and the bells at Nailsea were also available.—E. G. C.

Beverley and District Society

A CIVIC WELCOME.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley (Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smedley) welcomed the society when it held its annual meeting at Beverley on July 10th. In addition to 100 representatives from 22 towers, there were a number of visitors, including Mr. John Anderson, Deputy Ringing Master from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The service was held at the Minster, and was preceded by a splendid touch of Grandsire Caters. The Vicar gave the address.

The Mayor, in his welcome, congratulated the society on attaining a membership of 170 in its second years. If people could not be found to devote their time and talents to the old arts they would be lost and posterity would be decidedly the poorer.

The president (Mr. G. F. Williams) presided over the business meeting. The committee's report recorded that 11 monthly meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 51. The greatest achievement of the year had been the fact that the bells of All Saints', Duffield, had been brought into service after a silence of approximately 50 years.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. D. Meadley said all members should be grateful to the committee for such sustained efforts to promote the welfare of the society.

The officers were re-elected, and the following were elected new members: Mr. F. G. Goddard (Barton), Mr. and Mrs. Greeves (Carlton), Mr. H. Must and the Rev. Massingberg Mundy (Market Weighton).

Bridlington will be the venue of the meeting on August 14th, and for the September meeting an invitation from Barton-on-Humber was accepted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor and Mayoress, the Vicar and all who had helped in a successful meeting.

WEDDING BELLS

REYNOLDS—MURTHWAIT.

A marriage of interest to members of the Lancashire Association was solemnised at Prestwich Parish Church on July 17th. The bridegroom was Mr. Frank Reynolds, secretary of the Manchester Branch, and conductor of the Prestwich band, and his bride Miss Joan Murthwait, of Manchester. The service was conducted by the Rector of Prestwich, Canon F. Paton-Williams, assisted by the Rev G. Moores (curate).

The bride, who wore a gown of slipper satin, wreath and veil, and carried a bouquet of tea roses, was given away by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (chairman of the Manchester Branch). Twin sisters, Misses J. and M. Brown, were the bridesmaids, and Mr. H. Cole carried out the duties of best man.

Handbells were rung at the reception, the bridegroom being among those taking part. A peal attempt at Prestwich in the evening unfortunately did not materialise, the stay and slider on the second jamming when nearly three-quarters of the peal had been rung.

The honeymoon was spent at Bakewell. The bridegroom took part in the ringing there the following day, thus proving that 'a leopard cannot change his spots'!

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

St. Michael's ringers had their first annual outing when they visited Derbyshire on July 24th. At Wirksworth the party was welcomed by Mr. B. Greatorex, Ringing Master, and at Darley Dale by Mr. G. Paulson. Everyone was delighted with the ringing at both towers.

Tea was enjoyed at Matlock Bath, and several of the younger members enjoyed a row on the river. On the return journey there was an hour's stay at Kegworth. It was hoped that this would be the first of many outings.

OUTINGS

IN THE COTSWOLDS.

North Bradley and Steeple Ashton ringers held their annual tour amid the pleasant and picturesque Cotswolds.

Before lunch, ringing was enjoyed at Lechlade and Fairford (a good eight), and then came the light eight at Coln St. Aldwyn. The route to Bourton-on-the-Water was through lovely country. After an hour's ringing the party visited the model village situated in the garden of the local hotel.

After tea, ringing was enjoyed at Northleach and on the easy-going bells of Watermoor Church, Cirencester. Much of the good day's outing was due to Mr. H. Gummer, who made the arrangements.

ST. MARY'S, PORTSEA.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Portsea, together with friends, held their annual outing on July 24th. Travelling by way of Winchester, the first stop was at Highclere, where the melodious ring of eight, situated in beautiful surroundings, was soon set going to touches of Stedman and Erin Triples, Double Norwich, Bristol and four Spliced Surprise Major.

It had been planned to next ring at East Isley, but the presence of the death watch beetle prevented this. However, after a delightful run via Newbury, a stop was made at Abingdon for a picnic lunch by the riverside. Here the ringers were met by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, who arranged for a pull on the ten at St. Helen's at short notice. The bells were soon off into Grandsire and Stedman Caters, finishing with three leads of Treble Ten.

After bidding farewell, the coach was rejoined and the journey continued to Oxford. Here the ringers were met at All Saints' by Miss M. R. Cross and Walter Judge, who had everything in readiness, and the bells were soon off in touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Spliced Surprise Major. Whilst the last touch was in progress, some of the party made their way to St. Ebbe's, to be later met by the remainder, and various touches up to Spliced Surprise were rung, not forgetting a touch of Stedman, described by one of the locals as 'handbell-pace.'

A sumptuous meat tea was provided at the Angel Cafe, to which full justice was done. After more farewells, the return journey was made via Pangbourne to Goring-on-Thames, where a delightful ring of eight was enjoyed to the full in touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, London, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise Major. The long journey home was continued, with a stop for refreshments, via Basingstoke, Alton and the Meon Valley, arriving about 11 p.m.

REDENHALL AND DISTRICT.

Redenhall company, with friends from Diss and Saxlingham, for their outing paid a visit to Essex, working back via Suffolk.

Leaving Harleston at 7 a.m., the first stop was at Halstead, where the bells were soon going to Treble Bob and Double Norwich. On to Bocking, and this fine eight were enjoyed by all. Some more ringing at Braintree preceded lunch, after which the party arrived at Sudbury in time for a wedding. Seven of the company were in time to peal out in 'wedding ringing,' while the rest were more intent on seeing the bride. However, good use was made of the bells of these two towers.

Bury St. Edmunds was the last call, and the bells of St. Mary's and the Norman tower brought the ringing to an end.

The methods ranged from rounds to Superlative. Home was reached at 11.15 p.m., the thanks of the party being due to Mr. Cyril Barber, the organiser, and to those who welcomed the company at every tower visited.—G. W. H.

QUARTER PEALS

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dorward 1, K. Stotherd 2, G. Carse 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Carse (first as conductor) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On June 28th, 1,620 Minor (180 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, 360 each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): R. Dacre 1, Miss J. Saddington 2, Mrs. G. Watson 3, T. Garley 4, P. Chapman 5, G. Watson (conductor) 6. First in six methods, 2 and 5.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On July 17th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss K. Harrison (first in method) 1, G. Howlett 2, F. C. Roper 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. Barber 5, C. Orves 6, E. Whiting (conductor) 7, W. A. Lock 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss J. Copeman (first quarter) 1, P. A. Nash (first of Major) 2, D. E. Latchford (conductor) 3, Miss P. A. Martin 4, P. Holmes (first of Major) 5, T. G. Morton 6, L. S. Baines 7, W. Ayre 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On July 18th, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. R. Mayne 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. Wenban (first in method as conductor) 7, W. Wenban 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On July 5th, at All Saints' Church, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: J. Conquest 1, Miss V. Willard 2, H. B. Whitney 3, F. J. Plummer 4, W. Jeffs 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, W. Insley 8. In memoriam Mr. E. J. Plummer, who was interred earlier in the day.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales (first quarter) 1, C. Green 2, E. Orland 3, A. R. Wykes 4, S. G. Osborne (conductor) 5.

MENHENIOT, CORNWALL.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. M. Thomas 1, W. G. Hiscott 2, Miss J. E. Withey 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (conductor) 5, H. J. Clarke 6. First on bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On July 24th, at All Saints', 1,248 Bob Major: Miss Gillian A. Smith 1, Miss Benedicta Whistler 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, O. Needham 4, M. Thurmott 5, D. Sanderson, R.A.F., 6 H. S. Peacock 7, S. Gilbert 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 2.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fisher 1, R. J. Warrilow (conductor) 2, J. B. Webb 3, F. H. Eley 4, A. E. Garbett 5, J. Warrilow 6, J. J. Taylor 7, H. Slimm 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. In honour of the occasion of the marriage of the sub-Rector.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—At Christ Church, on July 18th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: A. H. Russell (first Stedman Caters) 1, H. Belcher 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, S. G. Peck 4, R. W. Green 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, D. F. Deal 8, J. G. Nash (first of Caters as conductor) 9, M. Fensom 10.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. M. Bown (first quarter) 1, W. Hibbert 2, L. H. May 3, P. J. Mayne 4, E. J. Taylor 5, J. D. Upton 6, R. J. Bowden (first as conductor) 7, W. H. Ware 8. A farewell quarter to R. J. Bowden, who is joining the R.A.M.C.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,320 Doubles (1 extent of Stedman, 3 each of Reverse Canterbury and April Day, and 2 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire): Wm. A. Hughes 1, L. W. Skinner 2, Robert Hartley 3, Brian Sullivan 4, Arthur S. Richards 5, Raymond Knight 6. In memoriam Mr. John Pugh, verger and sexton.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Evans 1, G. W. Hughes 2, D. Braddock (first quarter) 3, W. T. Powell 4, J. Luck 5, K. W. Knowles 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, G. Pearson (first quarter) 8.

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MARRIAGE

GLENN—COTTERELL. — On July 29th, 1948, Clement Glenn, of Oasby, Grantham, to Mrs. O. L. Cotterell, of Bridlington. Temporary address, 8, Wilsthorpe Flats, Bridlington. 3892

DEATH

IDLE.—On Monday, July 26th, 1948, at Back, Kent Street, Dewsbury, Walter Idle, aged 83, late of Earlsheaton company of change ringers. 3908

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Speldhurst (8), Aug. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, Tonbridge. 3856

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, West Grinstead (6), Aug. 7th, 3. Tea.—G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3874

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6) Saturday, Aug. 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 3867

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3864

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District.—Meeting, Mablethorpe, Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3863

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Mapledurham (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Picnic tea; room if wet. Kindly bring own food.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 3866

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Saturday, Aug. 7th, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3877

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, Sat., Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3855

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names must be sent to W. Hayes, Moreton's Place, Flamstead, Herts, by Wednesday, Aug. 11th.—W. C. Hughes. 3883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Hersham, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3881

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence (6), on Saturday, Aug. 14th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3868

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bridlington Priory, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5.15, Church Institute. Important, notification by Wednesday, Aug. 11th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 3885

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford (6), Aug. 14th, 3. Names for tea by 11th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 3886

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Draycott, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 3888

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Hoby (5), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Burnham, Elm Cottage, Hoby, near Melton Mowbray, by Aug. 12th, latest.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 3889

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Lydiard Millicent (6), Aug. 14th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston. 3891

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Doddington, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, provided.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3894

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting, Monks Kirby, near Rugby, August 14th. Bells (8), 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss F. Pittham, Kirby Lane, Monks Kirby, near Rugby, not later than Aug. 11th.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec. 3893

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Aug. 14th, 3. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Peake, The Foresters Arms, Fairwarp, Uckfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3895

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Open practice night arranged for Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available from 6-9. All ringers cordially invited.—H. O. Over. 3896

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special ringers' service at Marksbury, Aug. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea essential. Collection for Bell Fund.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 3854

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe at Hoo (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea followed by business meeting 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 10th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 3865

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—West Hallam, Aug. 14th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—F. W. Shaw, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3897

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Huyton (6), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Tower open from 3. Service 5. Tea provided in the Vicarage only for those who send their names to W. R. Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton, before Wednesday, Aug. 11th.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 3899

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Notify W. Salt, 53, John Street, Enderby, by Thursday, Aug. 12th. 3900

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Warburton, Aug. 14th. Please bring own foo; cups of tea provided. —Bells available until 6.15.—John E. Ashcrop. 3901

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting at Coleshill Parish Church, near Birmingham, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those only who notify Mr. D. L. Hooper, Merevale, Blyth Road, Coleshill (phone No. Coleshill 3297), not later than Tuesday, Aug. 10th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3902

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—At Ashover (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; bring sugar.—H. E. Taylor, Darley Dale; Gordon C. Briggs, Staveley. 3906

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Ringing at Wragby, Aug. 14th. Bells, recently overhauled, open 2.30. Nostell Priory grounds open to the public in aid of church funds. For teas, notify me not later than August 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3904

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available 2.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3903

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH (Basingstoke District), and OXFORD (Sonning Deanery District).—Combined meeting at Yorktown (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st, 2.30 to 9. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Also Yateley (8), Hawley (8), Sandhurst (6), 2.30 to 9, Farnborough (6), 2.30 to 3.45, Bagshot (8) and Finchamstead (6), from 6 to 9. A coach will run between towers, starting at Farnborough 2.15. Tickets for tea and coach 3s. 6d. inclusive (separately 2s.), to be obtained, before Aug. 17th, please, from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 3890

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BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Hoylandswaine Cup contest will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Open to towers only within society's area, i.e., 12 miles' radius of Barnsley. All entries to reach me not later than Sept. 4th. Those requiring tea must also notify Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Sept. 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3905

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MEDIEVAL FOUNDRIES

IN 1947 we published an editorial dealing with the survey of Mr. Frederick Sharpe in the 'Church Bells of Radnorshire.' This survey has now been completed and the six parts are bound in one volume (price 10s.). This work is not merely an illustrated archæological catalogue. Mr. Sharpe has pieced together the data found among the little known bells of Radnorshire and, with the aid of explanatory notes, throws considerable light upon the activities of medieval foundries. There are also histories of the three main firms in industry today, which are of topical interest.

Two bells of the 13th century remain in Radnorshire, one at Bryngwyn being still sound after seven centuries of continuous use. This bell has no founder's marks. The other at Llanfaredd can be definitely ascribed to the Gloucester founders, on account of the initial cross. There are eleven bells in this county of the medieval period (1300-1540), one of the transitional period (1540-1600) and 24 of the seventeenth century. This wealth of data is full justification for Mr. Sharpe's survey.

There were three medieval foundries of note in the West Country. The Bristol foundry can be traced back to 1296, with Walter le Bellyetar as the craftsman, followed by Johannes Belleyettare between 1300 and 1325. Records of the Gloucester founders also extend back into the 13th century. The name of Hugh, the bell founder, occurs in 1270, and that of his daughter, Christiana la Belyutere, in 1303. They were followed by Sandre of Gloucester, *circa* 1320, and John of Gloucester, *circa* 1346.

Much of this early information is due to the research of Mr. H. B. Walters. He places the Worcester Foundry also in the 13th century, the first name mentioned being Simon le Belyetere, who is mentioned in a charter of Worcester dated 1280; the seal of Richard le Belyetere occurs in a deed of 1306 and John le Belyetere is mentioned in a document of 1347. No existing bells can be definitely ascribed to these men, but they were succeeded by a founder whose bells, dating from about 1400 to 1420, are fairly numerous.

The Worcester founders flourished in the early 17th century with John Green and Zachery Green, Godwin Baker, Simon Baker and Richard Dawkes. Between 1590 and 1700 there was a foundry at Wellington, Shropshire, worked by the Clibury family, and at Shrewsbury

between 1685-1700 by Ellis Hughes. Contemporary with them were John Finch, of Hereford, John Merton, of Worcester, the Chepstow Foundry and, of course, the Rudhalls, of Gloucester, from 1679 until 1830.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
WILFRED W. RING	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	THOS. CULLINGWORTH	8
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	9
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
HENRY H. FEARN	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
JOHN S. WALTON	3	LEONARD TREVOR	8
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

MRS. E. E. DAVIS	*Treble*	THOMAS G. FOX	6
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	7
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	8
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STANTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JOHN H. BAILESS	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
FRANK K. MEASURES	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN H. FOSTER	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JOHN JACKSON	6
JOHN CHARNOCK	3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	7
CHARLES SHARPLES	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

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A farewell to the ringer of the fourth.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

HARRY DAVISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	2	GORDON BENFIELD	6
*DONALD R. MARSHALL	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
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On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILFRED NICHOLSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. BARBER	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	6
JOHN A. BROWN	3	SAMUEL C. WALKER	7
ROBERT BELL	4	ADAM DEAS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. CLAYTON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
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DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
OSWALD CLAYBROOK	2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	6
DENNIS MADDOCK	3	THOMAS ROGERS	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. G. EDWARDS.
First peal of Major as conductor.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EURGAIN AND PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*MISS NANCY P. BIRKS	*Treble*	HARRY PYE	5
PERCY SWINDLEY	2	HENRY O. BAKER	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
†FREDERICK H. BIRKS	4	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

CROWAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CREWENA,
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SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

SYD. FLINT	*Treble*	THOS. HORRIDGE	5
GEO. SKELLAND	2	DENNIS BOOTH	6
PHYLLIS BOOTH	3	ROBERT GUY	7
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	†JILL POOLE	5
*GORDON H. ARGUILE ...	2	†PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
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On Mon., July 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	*HENRY H. FEARN... ...	5
ALBERT WALKER	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	6
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	3	†HARRY BOSWELL ...	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 250th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Major. Rung on the conductor's birthday.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	†PHILIP WALKER	6
*NORA HONEY	3	CHARLES COLES	7
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	4	ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., July 30, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT D. COLLINS	*Treble*	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	5
*HARRY BOSWELL	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	6
GEORGE E. FEARN ...	3	HOWARD HOWELL ...	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First peal in the method.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY BOSWELL ...	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
*ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	3	*BARNABAS G. KEY	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. A compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight on his retirement after 40 years as lay secretary of the Society. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Treble*	JAMES S. WEBB	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ...	7
*GEORGE F. CANTRILL ...	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 20½ cwt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol and 640 each Cambridge and Superlative with 122 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

*MISS HAZEL DALE	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	5
*ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	2	*FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	6
*TOM PAGE	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ...	7
*JOHN H. HUNT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Treble*	*LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY ...	2	*WILLIAM J. ELLIS ...	6
*J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	3	*ALICK CUTLER	7
*ARTHUR JONES	4	*FREDK. A. FINCH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the visit of the Rt. Rev. Goodrich R. Fenner, Bishop of Kansas, U.S.A., and as a birthday compliment to him from the ringers. Tenor 13 cwt.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD ...	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	7
ARTHUR S. BOAR	4	GEORGE WOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

DOLGELLEY, MERIONETHSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDK. G. BEDDOW	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	5
E. DENNIS POOLE	2	GEORGE JONES	6
MRS. E. D. POOLE ...	3	JAMES EVANS	7
JOHN F. BUTLER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	ERNEST C. STAFF	5
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	*CHARLES V. ORVES ...	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
FREDK. J. ROOPE	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER LEE	*Treble*	*MISS ANN SMITH	5
DAVID COX	2	HARRY C. JONES	6
MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
A. REGINALD BLABY ...	4	RONALD NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN T. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK ...	5
HARRY BOYCE	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	JACK R. WORRALL ...	7
ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	4	GWYN I. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
First peal of Major on the bells, also first peal of Major for the Guild. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in C.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon.. Aug. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

GERALD NICHOLLS	*Treble*	STANLEY GILBERT	5
ERIC SMITH	2	CLAUDE GIMBETT	6
DEREK SANDERSON ...	3	LESLIE W. FISHER ...	7
STANLEY SHIPP	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert on their wedding anniversary.

SIX BELL PEALS

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HARRY PARKER ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
JOHN E. BROUGH 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
DAVID SMITH 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

DONALD CARTWRIGHT ...*Treble*	†OLIVE M. MARTIN ... 4
*BRENDA FELLS 2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5
PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 3	CHRISTOPHER BADRICK... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Minor.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt.

*STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN.*Treble*	*RAYMOND OLIVER 4
*STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 2	†MISS MARGARET FIDDLE 5
*CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB... 3	*THOMAS W. DODD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. For the marriage of Mr. Derrick Wade and Miss Joyce Allen.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY WILLOWS ... ...*Treble*	MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4
ARTHUR B. CRAWFORD ... 2	MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 5
MISS JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE ... ...*Treble*	HARRY COMMINS 4
STANLEY BRISTOW 2	HARRY PURCHASE 5
CLAUDE TARR 3	*CHARLES WENSLEY ... *Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SENARA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. J. RODNEY NICHOLLS *Treble*	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 4
MISS JOAN E. WITHEY 2	RICHARD BLAKEY 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... *Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven Spliced extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (2) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (3) Carlisle and Northumberland; (4) Alnwick and Newcastle; (5) Chester and Munden; (6) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*JOAN M. WEBSTER ...*Treble*	JOHN COOKE 4
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 5
JAMES H. COOKE 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced as conductor. First peal in 18 methods by all the band and on the bells. The greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild. In honour of the birth of Mr. J. H. Cooke's daughter, granddaughter of Mr. J. Cooke and niece of the conductor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY ...*Treble*	F. ALBERT REA 4
EDWARD MAUND 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5
HAROLD WILLETT 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
To celebrate the 69th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rea, and to welcome home Mrs. M. Colvile.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten 120's each of Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire and one Spliced 240. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ...*Treble*	*WILLIAM SALT 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 2	JOHN BROMLEY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	RONALD F. COLLIS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First of Doubles. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Watson mother of treble ringer.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with seven variations of callings.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN *Treble*	ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 4
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN... 2	†REV. P. J. BOULSOVER 5
WILLIAM M. STEPNEY ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First of Minor. † First of Minor on tower bells.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEONARD M. JONES ...*Treble*	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
ERNEST STITCH 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 5
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Minor. Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ...*Treble*	*JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 4
THOMAS BARKER 2	ARTHUR HATCH 5
JOHN CHARNOCK 3	*ERNEST J. GOWER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOD... ...*Treble*	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... 4
FREDERICK RICHARDSON... 2	*CHARLES C. J. NORRIS 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* 100th peal. † 50th peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor's father.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*MADELINE BLANCHARD...*Treble*	HERBERT J. HUNT 4
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD 5
†BARBARA CLEVELAND ... 3	DONALD E. LEE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' A compliment to P. Harding on completion of 25 years as a ringer at this church, the last 13 years as captain.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Treble*	G. WM. MORRIS	4
ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
ERNEST STITCH	3	*JACK. R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

* 25th peal. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY	*Treble*	*BARRY CORBISHLEY ...	4
JOHN E. BROUGH	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	3	†FREDK. H. CRAWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*PERCY FOSTER ...	*Treble*	FREDK. C. CASE	4
THOMAS E. ROBERTS ...	2	†GEORGE E. GREEN ...	5
†GEORGE W. HOLLAND ...	3	WILLIAM YATES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

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

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues.. Aug. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLONS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEORGE BRAZINGTON	*Treble*	*LEONARD HULBERT ...	4
*GODFREY CHOULS ...	2	*REGINALD H. ADDIS ...	5
†GEORGE E. MONK ...	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. The first peal of Minor on the bells by a local band. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. George E. Monk. Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 changes St. Clement's, 1,440 Oxford Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

SIDNEY CLEMENTS ...	*Treble*	CLAUDE GIMBETT	4
ERIC SMITH	2	STANLEY SHIPP	5
DEREK SANDERSON ...	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

HANDBELL PEALS

CATTERICK CAMP, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT KEMMEL EDUCATION CENTRE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS...	1-2	ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ...	3-4
*JACK R. WORRALL	5-6		

Conducted by ANDREW I. PEARMAIN

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor. The band are all members of H.M. Forces. Forty-two extents.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, six callings. Tenor size 14 in C.

*RON AIREY	1-2	JACK R. WORRALL	3-4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ...	5-6		

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal on handbells and of Doubles. First peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
IN THE CHOIR OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor size 18 in G.

HAROLD A. MAY	1-2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ...	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3-4	T. MARK WHITE	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal in the new Cathedral. Rung by members of the band of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To ring his first peal for his golden wedding was the unique experience of 73-year-old Mr. George E. Monk, of St. Mellons, Monmouthshire. He has been a ringer at the church since the installation of the bells in 1914. He is looking forward to another peal in honour of his diamond wedding.

Mr. Trevor M. Roderick has now 'circled' Newton Nottage, Glam, tower.

Correction: In the peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Drighlington on July 17th, the ringer of the seventh was Gordon Benfield.

Mr. P. W. J. Harding, captain of North Bradley, Wilts, tower, has twice completed 'the circle' there.

Mr. Arthur B. Crawford rang his first peal for 42 years at Rampton, Notts. He was the donor of the treble bell at this tower.

Two ringers reach their 100 peals this week—Mr. Charles E. J. Norris at Bobbing, Kent, and Mr. Fredk. H. Crawley at Wistaston, Cheshire. Congratulations!

The peal at Crowan, Cornwall, was rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to Mr. W. H. Southeard, Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

At his eighth attempt to ring the tenor, commencing 21 years ago, Mr. Alban Disney has now 'circled' Anstey, Leicestershire, tower.

An aptitude for method construction has 16-year-old Harry Poyner, a pupil of Mr. Harold J. Poole, who was only introduced to ringing last February. He hopes to have one of his efforts rung at an early date.

Mr. C. F. Neal, of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, would like to thank Mr. Parsons and all who came to ring at the above church on the occasion of his wedding. It was much appreciated.

The Exercise will regret to learn that Mr. Walter Ayre, the Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, is in the Men's Ward, West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead. While on traffic duty as a superintendent of Special Constables on August 2nd he was knocked down by a car from behind. The ligament in his left knee was torn and there were various cuts, bruises and concussion. He is not optimistic for an early release from hospital.

The peal at Croft, Leicester, on July 29th, was Ernest Morris's 900th tower-bell peal.

Noted with pleasure is the progress in the New South Wales Association. Apart from a quarter of Doubles in 13 methods, they have rung their first quarter 'in hand' (Doubles, two methods), which they believe is the first quarter by a local band in Australia.

Some 38 ringers from eight universities are participating in the Universities' Association's week at Chester, which starts to-day. There will be peal attempts at Frodsham, Christleton, Old St. Mary's, Chester, and Eccleston, and a full programme for non-pealers.

We are asked to state that the peal rung at Bergh Apton on May 17th was of Minor in three methods (two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob) and not as published in our issue of July 23rd.

Last October an appeal appeared on behalf of Beoley bells, Worcestershire, stating that the tower of the church was unsafe and required considerable repair and that the historic ring of six was to be rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The Vicar (the Rev. L. J. Birch) writes: 'I am happy to inform you that the whole of the work is now completed and that we have sufficient funds in hand to defray the cost. A thanksgiving service was held on July 31st.'

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IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—2

In the matter of peals, the Kent County Association has been well to the fore. Up to the end of 1947 the total was 5,377, a record for an Association which throughout its existence has covered one county alone. By no means all these could have been rung for selfish reasons—1,107 of Grandsire Triples, 779 of Minor and 451 of Bob Major are included—yet it is a curious fact that, considering its nearness to London and the relative ease of access to most of the county's towers, a comparatively small number of peals in the higher methods have been recorded. It is equally strange that in breaking fresh ground in method ringing, Kentish ringers have relied to a large extent on conductors born outside the county's boundaries—to 57 at least of the 103 first performances up to the end of 1939 does this apply. Why this should be is hard to say; Kent is little different in character from its neighbours Essex and Sussex, yet on the whole much higher standards of ringing have been maintained in these two counties.

The first peal of all for the Association was Bob Major at St. Mary's, Frittenden, on Oct. 31st, 1881. This was conducted by Thomas Daynes, who had taken part in a peal at Goudhurst in 1854; his son, George H. Daynes, is still ringing at Deptford, father and son having thus spanned almost a century as ringers. Another who took part in this first peal was Charles Slingsby, who died in 1938 at the age of 101 years

Progress was slow at first. It was not until 1889 that the secretary was able to report that 'The Association is to be congratulated on having at length achieved peals of Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters,' and all of these were called by a well-known London ringer.

28 'FIRSTS.'

Double Norwich was added in 1892 by a local band at Crayford, by Edwin Barnett, sen., who called 28 'firsts' for the Association in days when variety in method ringing was not nearly so common as it is now. In the following year Superlative and Cambridge Surprise were rung at Gillingham, also by a local band under the conductorship of Gabriel Lindoff, later to become so famous as a composer and who was then serving at Chatham in the Royal Engineers.

The Association's first twelve-bell peals were not rung until 1904. Stedman Cinques was first, at Quex Park, conducted by John H. Cheesman, who was probably the most brilliant ringer and conductor the county has produced and one of the still comparatively few ringers to accomplish over 1,000 peals (830 were for the Association, the most by one man, the runners-up being Herbert E. Audsley with 715 to date, and E. Barnett, sen., with 603). The same band added a peal of Maximus on the following day.

The arrival in Kent of Frank Bennett at about the same time led to a revival of advanced method ringing, and under his able conductorship a band drawn from in and near London, in addition to ringing many other peals up and down the county, scored the Association's first peals of Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich and Cambridge Royal. Cambridge Maximus—with most of the ringers drawn from William Pye's band—was not rung until 1922.

A great many methods have been added since that date, mostly in North Kent, but a recent revival of fortunes in the Ashford District leads one to hope that honours in this field will be shared out rather more in the future.

The Association has few long lengths to its credit, but four peals of over 10,000 changes have been recorded at St. John's, Erith, the most notable being the then Double Norwich record of 15,072 changes on April 3rd, 1899. In August, 1901, 10,080 changes in nine Minor methods were rung at Tunstall, conducted by William H. B. Wilkins.

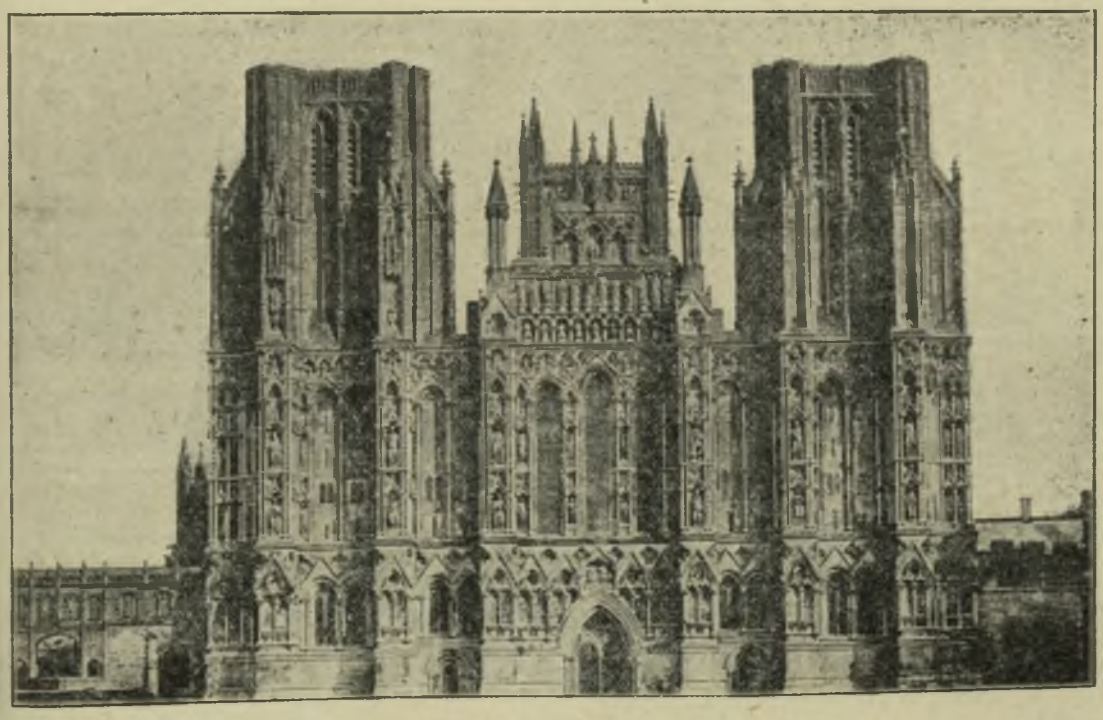
Apart, however, from first and record peals, there have been many of more than passing interest, and not the least noteworthy were two 'silent' performances of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, the first at Aylesford in 1892 and the other at Tonbridge in 1930. It is probable that the former peal was thought of some time before it actually took place, for the Minutes record that in October, 1887, 'an application was heard from Mr. H. Pearce, of Maidstone, who proposed to find a band of members of the Association to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples silent, i.e., without calling, and a grant of £2 was made to enable him to secure the services of two London ringers, not belonging to the Society, to attend and take off the peal, so as to ensure its correctness'! Whether the £2 was so expended, or did not prove sufficient inducement, is not stated.

NAME PEALS.

The Association's first peal of Bob Maximus, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in February, 1914, was the first to be rung in that method in London for over a hundred years, while another notable twelve-bell peal was the first on the new bells at Canterbury Cathedral in 1924, one of Stedman Cinques, in which eleven of the band, including the conductor, Edwin G. Buesden, rang their first peal on this number. Two name peals, each the first of its kind—one by 'Edwards' and the other by 'Edwins'—have been recorded, while the 'Fredericks,' the 'Williams' and the 'Charles' have scored peals with bands resident in Kent.

In the early part of 1930, Albert Relfe called peals at Lamberhurst in 21 and 26 Spliced Surprise Minor methods, both records at the time. These were rendered even more creditable by being performed by a local band.

Space forbids mention of more than this somewhat random selection of peals, though it may be worth noting that the first peal to be rung after the lifting of the ban on ringing in 1943 was for the Association at Crayford. There have, of course, been many others worthy of mention, and many ringers who deserve mention for the good work they have done. One name cannot be omitted. It is pleasant to be able to record that one who was present on that Whit Tuesday over 68 years ago is still a member of the Association, and very much on the active list—Mr. Edward S. Ruck, of Willesborough, near Ashford, who only last November took part in a peal for the Royal Wedding. Few can hope to equal his length of membership, but all can strive to follow the example which he has set.



CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tower Snatching Rarities

Dear Sir,—The paragraph in to-day's copy recalling the founding of the Truro Guild will be of interest to all tower-snatchers. Since the introduction of the 'Delight' series of books, our numbers have increased rapidly. We are, of course, rightly regarded as dilettantes by our sterner colleagues, the peal ringers (although some pealers are among our members), but we all haven't the brains or the stamina for these feats of endurance, and as humble snatchers we derive a considerable amount of pleasure in compiling our records.

It is the aim of all true tower-snatchers to get an entry on every page of the Viggers' excellent book. In his wisdom he omitted the letter 'X' from the index, but there are others which are hard to come by. Most of us have pages filled with towers under the letters 'B,' 'S' and 'W,' but not a few have blank sheets for 'J,' 'V' and 'Z.' There are, of course, bells in parishes with those initial letters, such as Jarrow, Veryan and Zeals, but they are few and far between. The reference to Veryan has therefore aroused feelings of envy for those fortunate individuals.—Yours sincerely,

AN ANCIENT TOWER-SNATCHER.

Bristol.

A CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—On looking through the Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1947, I find that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild is credited with a peal in eight Surprise Major methods. While appreciating the honour given to our Guild for ringing Spliced Surprise 'in hand,' I must point out to the Analysis Committee that this is not quite correct. The peal was of Spliced Plain and Little Major, the methods being St. Clement's, Crayford College, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington, Little Court and Little Bob.—Yours sincerely, GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Cleatham, Kerton Lindsey.

BELLS AND THE LAY EAR

Dear Sir,—I have been expecting to see more letters in 'The Ringing World' on the subject of Mr. Pearson's letter under the above heading, which appears in this week's 'Ringing World.'

The B.B.C. programme in question was none other than 'Round Britain Quiz' between London and Belfast. To my mind Mr. Pearson seems to have missed one vital point. While no one will deny that there were twelve bells in the famous peal at Bow, there are only ten being rung to call changes in the interval signal, which was the question asked.

To ringers, it must appear incredible that gentlemen chosen to take part in a broadcast quiz should be unable to count the number of bells in a record of call changes which was played for their benefit.—Yours sincerely,

Cambridge. H. L. MARTIN.

ST. COLUMB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In the April issue of the Australian paper, 'Ringing Towers,' appears a method described as 'St. Columb Doubles,' the plain lead of which is said to be Reverse Canterbury, and the bob an Old Doubles Single.

An extent of this method and one of Reverse Canterbury were included in the 42-method peal published in your last issue. In my humble opinion, and with all due respect to my friend, Mr. Alan Pink, and his band, the two are one and the same method. The same applies to Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, the latter being, I believe, Grandsire with an unorthodox call. I know little of the ethics of Doubles ringing, but this does not seem a very satisfactory way to make records.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

'Stunts'

PLEA FOR RINGERS' SUNDAY.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. C. Cox's suggestion, 'that there might be occasionally, if not annually, a ringers' Sunday as a means of impressing the public,' is both timely and excellent if it is accepted by the clergy themselves. But how often have such suggestions been put forward by the laity only to have them condemned as 'stunts'?

In a parish here to which I belonged I worked for the Rev. Cox's idea for several years, bringing it up at every parochial meeting where opportunity afforded, and elsewhere, only to be told as above, or that it would be robbing the usual Sunday collections if a special Sunday was set aside for the bells fund.

A few weeks ago there was an excellent article in 'The Church of England Newspaper' on this very topic, and it may be as well for the benefit of ringers if I quote what the writer has to say:—

'I confess candidly and unashamedly that I am strongly in favour of innovations, even within the sacred orbit of church life and worship. Some critics have characterised these innovations as "stunts." They argue that they cheapen, desecrate and degrade the aesthetic dignity of holy things. If, like Prebendary Carlile's trombone, a "stunt" arouses the deadly apathy of the masses, I shall praise God for it. I will gladly swallow criticism, for the end will justify the means.

'It is not so many years since an organ in church worship was considered a sacrilegious "stunt." To-day there is hardly a parish church throughout the length and breadth of Christendom without its organ—proof that the "stunt" of yesterday is the accepted orthodoxy of to-day.

'Again, it is less than a hundred years ago that harvest festivals were considered as "stunts," jeeringly referred to as "the feast of St. Pumpkin." Yet, apart from Easter, is there any feast so popular to-day? Some at least kneel down and give thanks. Does not the end justify the means? Then there is "Mothering Sunday," which once upon a time also came within the despised category of a "stunt." One may be right in saying that only a fraction of those who come will come again, but we must admit there is a divine spark somewhere if they acknowledge God for only half an hour: one must have a spark before one can fan a flame.'

The writer of these words was the Rev. Charles Winsland, who I am sure would write in like manner of the Rev. Cox's and my suggestion that wherever there is a church with bells there should annually be a 'Ringers' Sunday,' beginning with, say, a corporate communion and the singing of ringers' hymns like we have at guild services, and the collections for the day devoted to a fund set aside for the upkeep of bells of bells, of bell-ropes or any scheme for augmentation.

P. AMOS,
Member of Peterborough Diocesan Conference.

30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—We have at our tower recently purchased 'The College Youths,' by the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, and this interesting and fascinating account of the history of bell-ringing is being circulated among our members.

This is a book no active ringer should miss reading, for it is written by one with an almost unrivalled knowledge of ringing and its history. The pages can also be read almost as easily as a novel.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, near Bradford.

ST. MARTIN'S, ASHTON-ON-MERSEY

Dear Sir,—I am at present revising the history of St. Martin's Church, Ashton-on-Mersey, Cheshire, and am desirous of verifying the name of the maker of the bell, which I believe to be Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, as it bears the following inscription: 'Prosperity to this Parish, A.R.' Between the initials is the representation of a bell, the date being 1716.

In Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians it is stated that from catalogues published by the Rudhalls it appears that from 1648 to Lady Day, 1751, they had cast 2,972 bells for 'sixteen cities' and other places 'in forty-four several counties,' and by Lady Day, 1774, the number had increased to 3,594.

Ellacombe in his work on the bells of Gloucestershire lists only complete rings, and there is no list in the 'Transactions' of the Bristol and Gloucester Archæological Society.

The Keeper of Printed Books at the British Museum has advised me to send an enquiry to you with a view to obtaining further information. Any help you may be able to give me will be much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

Sale, Manchester. H. T. CHARLTON.

P.S.—Three manuscript lists of bells cast at the Gloucester foundry appear to have been made: one is now preserved at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, but I understand that no bell at Ashton-on-Mersey is included in it.—H.T.C.

TWO 'SLIPPED'

Sir,—Your correspondent Norman Pearson seems to have 'slipped,' as also did the Question Master, in 'Round Britain Quiz.' Apparently his own ears are at fault, for, as he says, the recording was played to allow the three competitors to check the bells, and yet he allows 12 to be the correct answer.

I, too, heard that programme and the question. When the record was played over I asked my daughter, aged nine, to count the bells round, and she called, 'Ten.' When the Question Master said that 12 was the answer, I immediately wrote the B.B.C. and pointed out that the answer was only half right, as only the back ten were rung to make the record, although there were 12 bells at Bow before they were lost in the blitz.

Since then I have received a reply from the B.B.C. admitting the error, and that in future queries they will make certain that the answers are correct.—Yours faithfully,

Greenhithe, Kent. R. G. RAYFIELD.

ODE TO E.M.

(Reprinted from the Magazine of St. Margaret's, Leicester.)

Ernest by Name,
Earnest by Nature.
Writer, Composer,
Ringer renowned.
He cleans with his dusters,
And traces ancestors.
Collector, Historian—
On bells most profound.
He lectures—he talks—
His subjects abound.
Old scripts disentangles,
And puts out the candles,
He'll sweep up the leaves,
And undo tight corks!
Distributes the pensions,
Resolving contentions.
When need presses some,
Or trouble perplexes,
Ernest resolves
The deepest complexes.
To him so inspiring
In work so untiring,
These few words betoken
Affection unbroken.

E.N.D.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Lee 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, A. R. Blaby 3, D. Cox 4, Miss A. Smith (first quarter in method) 5, E. Timpson 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES E. BAILEY.

We regret to announce the death on July 26th of Mr. James E. Bailey, of Dartford, Kent, at the early age of 35. Mr. Bailey was taken ill towards the end of last year and was bedridden for several months prior to his death.

James Edgar Bailey was born on September 16th, 1913, at Leiston, Suffolk, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Bailey. He is one of the famous Bailey brothers who made ringing history at Leiston some thirty years ago.

Young Jim rang his first peal at Leiston at the first attempt on October 3rd, 1931. It was Bristol Surprise Major on the treble, the conductor being his uncle, Mr. Charles F. Bailey; his father rang the 7th.

He moved south to work at Dartford, and was provisionally elected a member of the Kent County Association prior to a peal at Dartford on April 9th, 1934. The ratification of this election was very appropriately sponsored by Harry Hoverd and Herbert E. Audsley, with whom he afterwards did much ringing. From this time Mr. Bailey became very active, both in the Kent County Association and the Cumberland Youths.

About this period and in succeeding years there was much disharmony in the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, and Mr. Bailey won approval in many directions for his straight speaking and sound common sense. He did much good work and was active in teaching young ringers, particularly in association with Mr. H. A. Holden at Bexley, where the bells were restored in 1938 after a silence of 50 years.

On June 12th, 1937, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, he married Miss Jean M. Thompson, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, and bride and bridegroom took part in a touch immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey rang several peals together both before and after their marriage. There are two young daughters, aged 8 and 6.

Being in a reserved occupation during the war, Mr. Bailey did everything in his power to assist in keeping the art alive in his own district, which was very much in the front line throughout the bombing and during the period of threatened invasion. He arranged a good deal of handbell ringing at his own house and one or two peals resulted, a notable performance being a peal of Grandsire Caters on March 6th, 1945, in which three Bexley boys and Norman Summerhayes, of Dartford (also taught by Jim Bailey), rang their first peal 'in hand.' It was Mr. Bailey's first of Caters as conductor. His 100th peal was at Dartford on June 7th, 1945, and he had rung about 130 altogether.

He was elected as one of the two Lewisham District representatives on the K.C.A. Committee in 1942, a position he held with considerable distinction until his death. He was elected to serve on the Association's Benevolent Fund Committee in 1944. He occupied the chair at district meetings from time to time, the first occasion being at Bexley on August 16th, 1941, and the last at Penge on January 31st this year. At this meeting it was evident that he was a sick man, having hardly recovered from a severe attack of influenza. He was soon to return to bed, although he had by this time already made most of the preliminary arrangements for the memorable meeting at Dartford on Easter Monday. To the great regret of himself and his friends he was unable to leave his sick bed to attend this, the first annual general meeting of the Association ever to be held at Dartford, about which he had been most enthusiastic and had worked hard and long to ensure its success.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral was at Swanscombe on July 30th. The service was conducted with impressive simplicity by the Vicar of Christ Church, Dartford, in which parish Mr. Bailey lived. In addition to the widow the family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey (parents), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson (parents-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Keary (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Messrs. G. A. and R. J. Thompson (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bailey (uncle and aunt). Mr. Bailey's employers, Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., were represented by four heads of departments, Messrs. Barrett, Mack, Culverhouse and Bungay.

The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths were represented by Mr. George H. Cross; the Kent County Association by Mr. George H. Spice (general secretary), Mr. A. G. Hill (Lewisham district secretary), Mrs. F. M. Mitchell (for Mr. Mitchell, treasurer, also representing Ladies' Guild), Mrs. P. A. Corby (for Mr. Corby, fellow Lewisham district representative). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by D. Hall (Bexley), G. J. Butcher (Northfleet), A. Hall (Bexley), and H. Hoverd (Dartford). Other ringers present were Messrs. R. A. Jenkins, J. Wheadon, R. Rayfield, R. Meakins (Dartford), Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. E. Barnett, E. A. Barnett, W. J. Lemon (Crayford), H. E. Audsley, F. J. Cullum (Erith), R. A. Constant (Gravesend). The bells were rung half-muffled after the service.

Among many beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association of Changeringers, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the ringers of Holy Trinity, Dartford, the ringers of St. Paulinus', Crayford, and the ringers of St. Mary's, Bexley.

JOHN JORDON SYMONS.

Mr. J. J. Symons, the oldest member of St. Mary's, Portsea, company, and who had rung since the dedication of the present church in 1889, died on July 26th in his 88th year. A member of a Devonshire family, Mr. Symons spent his early ringing days in that county; he came to Portsmouth nearly 60 years ago and had been an active Sunday service ringer up to a few weeks before his passing. He was very proud of his record of serving under seven vicars, one of whom, the late Lord Lang, became Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. C. F. Garbett, the present Archbishop of York, Dr. G. C. L. Lunt, Bishop of Salisbury, and the Very Rev. H. C. Robins, Dean of Salisbury.

He was buried on July 29th, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, his favourite quarter-peal, was rung on the bells by fellow-ringers: J. D. Harris (conductor) 1, Miss H. Dale 2, Miss C. Burbidge 3, J. Topp 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, F. W. Rogers 7, H. T. Macey 8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's July meeting was held on the usual day, the last Saturday in the month, at Drighlington. The bells were rung up in peal at 2.45 p.m., and, although the weather outside was almost too hot to walk about, the tower was reasonably cool, and members turned up well. A very enjoyable tea was arranged by Mr. S. H. Barron.

The president was away on holiday, and the chair at the business meeting was taken by Mr. F. Hutchinson. Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Headingley St. Chad and St. Michael's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey and Tadcaster, also Mr. Dimmock from Preston and Mr. Speed from Eastbourne (now in H.M. Forces in Yorkshire). One new member —Mr. A. Clough (Liversedge)—was elected. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies was proposed by Mr. J. W. Benten and seconded by Mr. G. Benfield.

OUTINGS

ALFORD, LINCS.

The Alford ringers and friends, together with ringers from Mablethorpe and Leicester, toured South Lincolnshire on August Bank Holiday and visited churches at Tattershall, Silk Willoughby, Horbling, Heydour, Billingborough, Sempringham and Heckington. Ringing was enjoyed at each of the churches visited.

A break for tea was made at Billingborough, and after this interval the ringers from Leicester, who are members of the 'Beltonians Handbell Ringers' of country-wide fame, gave an excellent rendering of popular tunes on the handbells, which resulted in quite a number of passers-by, who had been attracted by the harmonious notes, standing round the doors of the cafe and louding applauding the ringers at the end of each number. Mr. Bill Clarke, of Boston, and Mr. Bernard Dalton, of Billingborough, who are secretaries of the Eastern and Southern Branches of the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild respectively, joined the party during the journey. The arrangements for the day had been ably planned by Mr. Ivor Smith, Ringing Master, Alford.—K.K.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On July 17th, members of the East Grinstead and District Guild made a tour into Kent, calling on the way to ring at Northiam, Sussex, whose Gillett six were greatly enjoyed. Then across the marshes to Brookland, with its weird ring of five, in the steeple on the ground.

After lunch, the grand octave of Tenterden was sampled, followed by the lighter eights at Rolvenden and Cranbrook, where tea was taken. The day finished in pouring rain, with a very happy hour on the glorious six at Horsmonden.—C. A. B.

GREAT TEY RINGERS IN SURREY.

Ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, chose Surrey for their annual outing held on July 17th. The party numbered 70, and ringing was enjoyed at St. Leonard's, Streatham (met by Mr. Chapman), St. Mary's, Ewell (Mr. Beams), St. Martin's, Epsom (Mr. Hoyle), St. Nicholas', Leatherhead (Mr. Marriner), S. Nicolas', Guildford, and Walton-on-Thames (Mr. Lathbury). Home was reached at 1 a.m.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. Dyer.

ST. MARY'S, WIMBLEDON.

On July 24th, members, their wives and friends, enjoyed a delightful outing to Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

Touches were rung at Bushey, Watford, Luton and Dunstable, and the thanks of all who participated are due to those who made the arrangements. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, and included touches of Double Norwich, Kent, Grandsire and Stedman.

Ringing friends who participated in the outing included E. Cassell (Fulham), Reuben Sanders, J. Chapman and S. Howard (Streatham), A. Miller and T. Miller (Mitcham), Miss B. Harris and Miss A. Castle (Merton), W. Pickworth (Richmond) and Dr. K. Branson and Miss V. Dupre (Chelsea). The Ringing Master was Mr. E. Blake.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

A tour of Sussex was enjoyed by Farnham Royal ringers and friends from Clewer, Horsham, Pulborough, St. Nicholas', Brighton, and Hurstpierpoint were visited, and old friendships renewed with Mr. L. Stilwell (Pulborough) and Mr. F. Bennett (Brighton). Thanks are due to local ringers who met the company at each tower.—D. H. P.

QUARTER PEALS

ALCESTER, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. A. Print 1, H. Brookes 2, G. Ingram 3, F. Kinchen (first in the method) 4, R. C. Chapman 5, F. C. Lyne 6, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 7, W. Cockings 8.

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ian Towns 1, Henry Collin 2, Edward Towns 3, Miss Joan Wright 4, James H. Musson (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Huckstepp (first quarter, age 14) 1, P. Page 2, P. Huckstepp 3, W. A. Oldfield 4, T. Cullingworth 5, H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on July 25th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, Mrs. M. Coaley 2, Miss B. Spice (cond.) 3, K. Spavins 4, B. Harlow 5, J. Davy 6, N. Inskip 7, S. Foskett 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Wiley 1, Mrs. Irene Somerville 2, E. Cooper (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Smythe 4, R. Sanderson 5. First quarter 1 and 5.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Collett 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, B. S. Nichols 3, B. J. Forest 4, F. Soden (conductor) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On July 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss Stella Davis 1, Miss Joan Mathews 2, N. J. Diserens 3, Mrs. S. Brown 4, G. Stocker 5, A. Diserens 6, R. F. Crook 7, R. W. Rex (first method as cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major for 2, 4, 5 and 7.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On Aug. 1st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. Deal 1, Mrs. Mathews 2, H. Belcher 3, R. F. Deal 4, W. H. Hewett 5, C. Mathews 6, J. Chilcot 7, J. Lindon 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, F. Mead 10.

CHALCOMBE, NORTHANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Barber (first as cond.) 1, H. G. Lawn 2, E. A. Wyatt 3, E. E. Pearson 4, G. F. Burton 5, J. S. McGinlay 6. First quarter 2. First of Doubles by remainder of band.

CHISWICK, LONDON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Davies 1, W. A. Theobald 2, Dorothy Richardson (first quarter in method) 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, S. Croft 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6, A. B. Wiffin 7, A. Harding 8. A farewell touch to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James on July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, P. Yates 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, P. Hunt 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, T. W. Robinson 2, Harry Wood (Luton, Beds) 3, H. J. Saunders 4, E. J. Walker 5, W. Bottrill (Deal) 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Rung for the landing of the Olympic Torch, which passed the church during the ringing on its way to Wembley.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Ling 1, G. Dye 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, F. V. Gant 4, R. Lingwood 5, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 2.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. J. Harris (first in method) 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, H. W. Else 6, L. Fidler 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 18th, at St. Mary Magdalene, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Nash (conductor) 1, E. F. Pryor 2, A. H. Russell 3, R. Newman 4, A. E. Hoare 5, G. Charge 6, N. G. Hollingworth 7, R. H. Begne 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On July 25th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 2, Miss D. T. Richardson 3, E. R. Mackrill 4, H. G. Miles 5, W. S. Langdon 6, W. J. Paice 7, A. B. Wiffen 8, J. E. C. Chilcott 9, W. W. Bailey 10.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On July 25th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. F. Dunn (first in the method) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. Castle 3, W. A. Theobald 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. H. Lott 6, J. Bullock 7, W. D. Grainger 8.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. Castle 3, W. Brainch (first quarter-peal of Major) 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. H. Begrie 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John's, on July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Hughes 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Chalk 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, C. E. Willmington 5, R. C. Heazel 6, E. E. Smith (conductor) 7, J. McPhail 8. First quarter in method by 2 and 3.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Atkins 1, E. D. Poole (first as cond.) 2, Miss E. Gibson (first quarter) 3, H. Buckingham 4, Mrs. E. D. Poole 5, R. Dean 6, J. Young 7, J. T. Clay 8. First in method 5, 6 and 7. Rung on the 79th birthday of Mr. H. Buckingham.

POCKLINGTON, YORKS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. H. Brighton 1, F. Wilkinson 2, F. Kneeshaw 3, C. Bairstow 4, J. H. W. Kneeshaw (cond.) 5, L. Straughan (first quarter) 6. First quarter on bells since augmentation in 1911.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On July 16th, at the Church of St. Jude, 1,500 Doubles (being one extent each of Grandsire, Antelope, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and 60 changes of Stedman): R. B. Altass 1, Ian A. Napper 2, R. S. Rowe 3, J. Duncan 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5. First quarter in 13 methods by all, for the N.S.W. Association and outside the British Isles.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints, on July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob: B. Hegginbottom 1, Miss B. Brierley 2, J. A. Taylor 3, Mrs. C. Hall 4, A. Smith 5, J. Taylor 6. For the silver wedding day of Mr. A. Wild, former captain.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Turley (first quarter) 1, F. Hammond 2, E. Bishop, jun., 3, A. Lewry 4, C. Brasier 5, S. Russell 6, W. Rogers 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Irene Marrows (first quarter) 1, Miss Mary Smith 2, H. Smith 3, Miss Joan Wright (first 'inside') 4, J. H. Musson (conductor) 5, F. Mitchell 6.

SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Povey 1, E. Smith 2, D. Neale 3, E. Nash 4, N. E. Tanner (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. Rung on the back six for the 28th wedding anniversary of J. Smith.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Greenhalgh 1, R. Allred 2, J. Boyer 3, J. B. Budd (cond.) 4, R. Johnson 5, J. Ashcroft 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, R. Jones 8. In memoriam Mr. H. Chapman, churchwarden.

WITNEY, OXON.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Cox 1, F. Soden 2, E. Hill 3, W. J. Dixon 4, B. J. Coggins 5, T. W. Timms 6, G. H. Wright (first of Triples as conductor) 7, E. J. Warner 8. First of Triples 1, 3 and 8.

WEST HAM, LONDON.—On July 18th, at All Saints', 1,257 Stedman Caters: T. H. Taffender 1, C. H. Hughes 2, Miss A. Castle 3, A. Boyack 4, E. Holman 5, A. Blake 6, G. Dawson 7, C. W. Ottley 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, J. H. Lott 10.

Ringers Meet Overseas Bishop

In connection with the visit of the Rt. Rev. Goodrich L. Fenner, Bishop of Kansas, U.S.A., and the Bishop of Kensington to St. Mary's, Acton, on August 1st, a successful open-air evensong was held.

Previously, at the request of the Rector (the Rev. Percival Gough), a specially composed and conducted peal of Little Bob Major, by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, was rung in honour of the two Bishops, and this came round at exactly 6 p.m., being the first in the method on the bells, and the first by all but two of the ringers.

Before the peal, the Rector and the Ringing Master (Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey) conducted the Bishop of Kansas and Mrs. Fenner up the tower, where they were shown the bells, and then to the ringing chamber, with its large collection of peal boards. The chiming apparatus was shown to them, and the difference between chiming and ringing was explained, and both expressed the keenest interest, and asked numerous questions.

As each ringer arrived, he was introduced to the Bishop and Mrs. Fenner. At the suggestion of the Rector, the Bishop addressed the ringers, thanking them for what they were doing and expressing the great interest of Mrs. Fenner and himself in the proceedings. Mr. Cockey, on behalf of the band, expressed a warm welcome to them both, and wished the Bishop a very happy birthday, it being his birthday next day. The Bishop and Mrs. Fenner and the Rector stayed to watch the start of the peal and remained for about ten minutes.

As soon as the peal was concluded, Miss D. Ingold, secretary to the Parochial Church Council, who is an accomplished musician, prepared the chiming apparatus for the service, which commenced at 6.30 p.m. in the churchyard, which had been fitted out with a dais, chairs and seats, and was filled with an interested and attentive congregation. The accompaniment of the bells to the hymns was used with beautiful effect, and an eloquent sermon was preached by the Bishop of Kensington.

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

A pleasant afternoon and evening were enjoyed by the 45 members who attended the quarterly meeting at Eynsford on July 24th. Counter attractions of a pleasant riverside, a cricket match and the ensemble of this much photographed village, each obtained patronage without detracting from the lure of the ropes. The bells were kept in use until service time at 4.45.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. D. G. Hill), and included an encouraging address. The services of Mr. G. Green (Sidcup) at the organ were much appreciated.

After tea at 'Hillcroft,' the business meeting was held in the church, the Vicar presiding. One life member was elected, and the elections of two others were ratified.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was chosen as the place of annual district meeting to be held on October 30th. Two notices of motion by the Ashford District received the support of the meeting.

It was decided to institute a series of combined monthly practices on Wednesday evenings at St. John's, Erith.

Christ Church, Erith, was chosen as the place of the winter social evening, on a date to be announced later.

Tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., in the traditional manner, after grateful remembrance of his many and valued services in the Lewisham District in the years before the war.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and to Mr. C. Cullen concluded the business.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Hersham, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3881

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Doddington, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, provided.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 3894

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Aug. 14th, 3. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Peake, The Foresters Arms, Fairwarp, Uckfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3895

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe at Hoo (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea followed by business meeting 4.45.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing meeting at Coleshill Parish Church, near Birmingham, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—T.H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 3902

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 3909

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—At Ashover (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only; bring sugar.—H. E. Taylor, Darley Dale; Gordon C. Briggs, Staveley. 3906

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District. — Elm (6), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 3924

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall Branch.—Meeting at Mildenhall (10), Aug. 21st, 3. Tea 5. Requests for tea by Aug. 18th.—Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 3898

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH (Basingstoke District), and OXFORD (Sonning Deanery District).—Combined meeting at Yorktown (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st, 2.30 to 9. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Also Yateley (8), Hawley (8), Sandhurst (6), 2.30 to 9, Farnborough (6), 2.30 to 3.45, Bagshot (8) and Finchamstead (6), from 6 to 9. A coach will run between towers, starting at Farnborough 2.15. Tickets for tea and coach 3s. 6d. inclusive (separately 2s.), to be obtained, before Aug. 17th, please, from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 3890

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Writtle (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 2.30. Numbers for tea to T. Lincoln, 11, Victoria Road, Oxney Green, Writtle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Helmshore, Aug. 21st. Bells from 3. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 3879

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Aug. 21st. Bells (10) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard (acting secretary), Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 3883

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and D[illegible]SHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Repton (8), Aug. 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5, only for those who notify S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, by Aug. 19th. 3928

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Stow on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me by previous Tuesday if you require this.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3929

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Fishlake (6), Aug. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify H. Cooper, Fishlake, by Aug. 18th. Bus from Stainforth 2.15, 3.30, 4 approx.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight (8), Aug. 21st, 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. J. Martin. 3907

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District. — Meeting, Southam (8), Aug. 21st. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 3911

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields Aug. 21st, 2.30. Tea only for those who notify Mr. W. Robson, 15, Logan Terrace, South Shields, by 19th.—W. Sheraton, Sec. 3912

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Gilmorton (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, Aug. 17th, to W. J. Root, 8, The Portway, Leicester. 3922

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Aug. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements. — R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec., Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 3931

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Beedon (6), Aug. 21st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. T. Curtis, World's End, Beedon, Newbury, by Wednesday, Aug. 18th. 3916

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Chew Stoke, Aug. 21st. Bells available 4 to 7.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3914

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Osmaston, Aug. 28th, 3. Tea 5. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, Aug. 25th latest. 3918

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Fen Ditton (5), Saturday, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Barn Cafe, Horningsea (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3920

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Kirbymoorside (6 bells), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Spenceley, Vivers Place, Kirbymoorside, Yorks, before Aug. 26th. — Edward Hudson, District Secretary. 3923

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill (6 bells), Aug. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mackeers, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, by Monday, 23rd.—Bernard H. Dallin, Hon. Sec. 3913

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Wells, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Usual arrangements. Please reply as soon as possible.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3919

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Northern and Western Districts, Newton Hall (6), Aug. 28th. Names for tea by Aug. 24th to Mr. W. Amos, East House, Newton Village, Stocksfield, Northumberland.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 3917

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District.—Saturday, Aug. 28th, at Haverhill (6), 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided 5.15 in Church Room. More support desired.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 3915

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Clent, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify numbers before Aug. 24th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3927

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Hoylandswaine Cup contest will be held at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Open to towers only within society's area, i.e., 12 miles' radius of Barnsley. All entries to reach me not later than Sept. 4th. Those requiring tea must also notify Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Sept. 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3905

A TEMPESTUOUS PEAL

The peal at Brindle, Lancs, on July 31st, will never be forgotten by the participants. Ringing started with the temperature in the 80's, and to counteract a blazing sun a curtain was slung over the solitary window.

All went well until the sixth 720 was started. The sky darkened to such an extent that the ringer of the fifth was obliged to switch on the electric light.

The entry of the final 720 was signalled by a terrific thunderstorm. So loud and prolonged was the thunder that at times it drowned the sound of the bells. Suddenly there was a brilliant flash of lightning which quite literally 'sizzled' and extinguished the lights. The band continued for a few moments in almost total darkness, and then the ringer of the fifth again came to the rescue by pulling down the sun curtain.

Aided by frequent flashes and a gradually lightening sky, the bells eventually came into rounds. 'Despite the trepidation in our hearts and the trembling in our knees,' writes the conductor, 'the beat had remained remarkably even—if somewhat slower than the previous 720—and the striking, if not perfect, was certainly passable.'

On calling 'Stand,' considerable excitement was noted outside the tower. It transpired that the house next to the church had been struck by lightning and was on fire. Coats were hurriedly donned and the band hurried to give assistance. Fortunately a passing motorist had been able to provide a couple of extinguishers, and the blaze had been reduced to a smoulder by the time the fire brigade arrived.

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Surprise Major, Cambridge, 104 (conducted 23); Superlative, 62, (7); London, 39, (6); Bristol, 30, (9); Otley, 1; Droitwich, 1; Minsmere, 1, (1); New Cambridge, 9; Yorkshire, 10, (1) Norfolk, 3; Pudsey, 2, (1); Lincolnshire, 1; Rutland, 1; Kent, 1; Premier, 3, (1); Ipswich, 1; Clarendon, 1; Yoxford, 1; Monewden, 1; Clacton, 1; Lavenham, 1; Rochester, 1, (1); Camdon, 1; Edinburgh, 1; Edmundsbury, 1, (1); Helmingham, 1; Daventry, 1; Woodbridge, 1; Bosmere, 1, (1); Waveney, 1; Orwell, 1; Deben, 1 (1); Silchester, 1; Princess Marina, 1; Huntingdon, 1; Lincoln, 1 (1); Dunwich, 1; Suffolk, 1; Chester, 1, (1); Double Dublin, 1; Leeds, 1; Cornwall, 1; Devon, 1, (1); Framsden, 1; Gippeswyk, 1, (1).

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MIDDLETON PARISH CHURCH

A FAMILIAR landmark on the road from Manchester to Rochdale is the Church of St. Leonard, Middleton, with its wooden belfry. In front of the church are the Jubilee gardens invariably bright with flowers amid well-trimmed lawns. Middleton Parish Church is in the midst of a big act of restoration. Some of the main oak timbers of this unique belfry found to have perished are being repaired; the roof of old brown stone is receiving attention, and the ring of eight bells is being overhauled. It is hoped that this work will be completed by the end of September.

The church, one of the oldest in the district, dates back to the 12th century, but it was largely rebuilt in 1412 by Thomas Langley, who was afterwards made a Cardinal, and a stone tower erected. The curious wooden erection which surmounts Langley's tower dates from 1709, when the old bells were hung a storey higher. These were removed by Sir Ralph Assheton, to make way for six bells cast by Rudhall of Gloucester in 1714. It is suggested that wood was used for the belfry because the sandy foundations of the tower would not bear additional weight or that its object was to give sweetness to the tone of the bells. Middleton people would not willingly exchange this belfry for a stone structure, and they are not ashamed of the sobriquet:—

A stubborn people
With a wooden steeple.

Until the beginning of the war it was the custom to ring a bell at ten minutes before ten every night as a signal to young people that it was time they returned to their homes. This ringing, which went on for ten minutes, was known as 'nowster'; probably derived from the words 'now stir.' Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the successors of Rudhall, added two bells in 1891. On the ancient bells the inscriptions are typical of Rudhall's, those on the first three being:—'Peace and good neighbourhood. AR 1714'; 'Prosperity to all our benefactors. AR 1714'; 'Abr. Rudhall cast us all. AR 1714.'

Of the peals scored at Middleton, a correspondent recalls one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung on October 18th, 1934, in 2 hours and 47 minutes as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. K. Driver. Those participating were Thomas K. Driver 1, Albert J. Hughes 2, Water Staff 3, Harold Edwards 4, William Horan 5, Herbert Davenport 6, Richard Balderstone 7, and Edward Jenkins (conductor) 8. But in the distant days Middleton was a well known ringing centre. The hostelry near the church gives added evidence by its title, 'The Ring o' Bells.' The Middleton Band was mentioned in the J. A. Parnell MSS., as one of the 14 visiting bands attending the opening of the transposed ring of ten at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne on July 12th, 1819. Each of the visiting bands gave a performance, the Middleton ringers setting out for a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. The record reads: they 'got out in 2 hrs. and 50 minutes on the 8 hind bells.' Perhaps, one of our North Country readers can give us the true definition of 'get out.' We assume that the peal was not scored.

OXFORD RINGERS' TOUR

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt.

BETTY SPICE	*Treble*	GILBERT HARDING	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS...	*Treble*	GILBERT HARDING	7
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ...	2	FREDERICK TARGETT ...	8
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	*ROGER O. FRY	9
WALTER F. JUDGE ...	4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	10
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5	JOHN S. MASON	11
*WILFRID F. MORETON...	6	BETTY SPICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., August 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS...	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	ROGER O. FRY...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE ...	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,240 changes of London, 1,728 of Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method.
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	*Treble*	*JOHN S. MASON	5
BETTY SPICE	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
JOSEPH T. DYKE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., August 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER.	*Treble*	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	5
*MARGARET L. TUTT ...	2	*WILFRID F. MORETON...	6
*JOHN S. MASON	3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
BETTY SPICE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	*Treble*	*JAMES DRAYCOTT	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	9
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	10
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5	LEONARD TREVOR	11
ARTHUR D. COOK ...	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALL	*Treble*	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ...	2	*ROY FAITHFULL	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	3	REGINALD BROWN ...	8
*E. JOAN SALMONS ...	4	REGINALD A. REED ...	9
MAURICE J. BUTLER ...	5	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Treble Ten. First peal on the bells since their restoration. A welcome to the King and Queen on their visit to Southampton Docks.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY...	*Treble*	GEORGE DAVIS	6
WALTER C. MEDLER ...	2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	7
HERBERT C. READ	3	GEORGE BAILEY	8
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	FRANK V. GANT	9
F. CHARLES GOODMAN...	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	2	JOHN PINFOLD	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	8
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS...	9
FRANK E. PERVIN	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ...	6
ALAN ELSMORE	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ...	8
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD... ...	9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ...	5	P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
To celebrate the birth of a son (Anthony) to Mr. and Mrs. H. Howell.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JAMES F. HARVEY	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN... ...	6
ALBERT WALKER	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7
JOHN PINFOLD	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	8
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
HENRY H. FEARN	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt

DENIS R. MORRIS ...	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS... ...	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	GEORGE AMBLER	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. Powell, on his retirement.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Treble*	*RONALD J. SHARP	5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Mr. Russel G. Spears, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Hilda M. Chittleborough. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	HARRY LISTER	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING	2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb in A flat.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
LEONARD TREVOR	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	THOMAS HESKETH	5
THOMAS HORRIDGE	2	*ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	6
*JAMES W. GROUNDS	3	EDWIN BIRKETT	7
*WILLIAM H. DEACON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. To celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. W. Santus, donor of the treble.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 6. Tenor 16½ cwt

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5
FRED. C. LYNE	2	CLARENCE R. STEED	6
*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	7
VIVIAN B. HUNT	4	FRANK HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Hunt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
MAURICE HODGSON	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
FREDERICK A. COLEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
In memoriam James E. Bailey. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*PETER D. DUNN	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
JACK BAILEY	2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS	6
*JAMES MOULD	3	*BENJAMIN BARKER	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	DENNIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MISS D. TEMPLEMAN	*Treble*	FRANK F. HILL	5
JACK BAILEY	2	*KEITH HUDSTON	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	WILLIAM A. PARSONS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JOHN CHARNOCK	*Treble*	*FRED BROWNLOW	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	6
JOHN BOOTH	3	JAMES BLACKBURN	7
*JOSEPH HILL	4	*ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.
* First peal in the method. For the marriage of Miss Mary Carol Guinness to Dr. Pieter Graham. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., August 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

T COLIN RYDER	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
G. GORDON GRAHAM	2	*PETER E. NORTH	6
*LAURA MOTTISHAW	3	*ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
WALTER ALLWOOD	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
JOHN D. ROCK	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

ARTHUR DICKERSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	*GEORGE SAYER	5
ALBERT PEGG	3	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* 150th peal.

WILDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

*CHARLES C. PELL	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	3
KENNETH G. SPAVINS	2	FRANK W. LACK	4
BRYAN F. SIMS			*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Peet, grandparents of the conductor.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent of St. Clement's, one of combined Kent and Oxford one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS A. A. POTTER	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	4
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 12 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. KATHLEEN JONES ...*Treble*	HARRY MINION 4
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 5
JOHN B. STENNITT 3	WILLIAM MINOR ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.
First peal in four methods by all the band.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with 15 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK ... ...*Treble*	F. CECIL MOGFORD... ... 3
A. GEORGE CLARE 2	LEONARD DERRICK 4

EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...*Tenor*
Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Single Court, two 720's each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ...*Treble*	TOM J. MARRIOTT 4
*WILLIAM G. SOAR... ... 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First in four methods.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., August 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, St. Clement's and two each of Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

RONALD STEWARD... ...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
GEORGE W. PIPE 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
*FREDERICK STEWARD ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Minor.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., August 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*BERNARD J. ONGLEY ...*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
*RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 2	DAVID SMITH 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY PARKER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. In honour of the wedding of Mr. R. T. Holding's daughter.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW...*Treble*	*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 4
MISS LAURA MOTTISHAW 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 5
JAMES THORLEY 3	CHARLES THORLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.
* 25th peal for the Yorkshire Association. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one extent Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM STANNARD ...*Treble*	CHARLES STANNARD ... 4
*DOUGLAS ROWLANDS ... 2	REGINALD SIMMONDS ... 5
†FRED COOPER 3	†JOHN BANKS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STANNARD.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Meek, who is leaving for West Monkton, Somerset.

KINETON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. BRISTOW ...*Treble*	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4
*MARGARET D. REEVES... 2	†W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 5
ROBERT J. EDDEN... ... 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

LILLESHALL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS BESSIE CARTER ...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW... 4
MRS. E. D. POOLE... ... 2	HARRY BOSWELL 5
E. DENNIS POOLE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
First peal of Kent Minor by all except conductor. Tenor 9 cwt.

CEFN COED, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MISS R. M. DAVIES ...*Treble*	ROBERT STEPHENS 4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 2	JOHN ALSOP 5
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDSON 3	BRIAN D. PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN D. PRICE.
The first peal on the bells.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD AUSTIN ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE 4
HAROLD HOBBS 2	*THOMAS WITTS 5
GEORGE CASE 3	LESLIE BARRY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 509 CHANGES;

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10
Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
A birthday peal for the conductor. Tenor size 17 in A.

FOREST HILL, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., August 3, 1948, in 2 Hours,
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD G. CROSLAND ... 1-2	ERIC A. DENCH 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	PHILIP A. CORBY 7-8

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6
Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
First peal in two Minor methods by all the band.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 5 Hours and 25 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 9999 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

PETER NIX 9-10
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
The longest peal rung for the Guild. Tenor size 17 in A.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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Mr. Frank C. W. Knight's Kent tourists scored 19 peals during their week.

The peal of Minor in four methods at Repton was the first on the bells by the regular Sunday service band.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, has completed the circle at Ticknall, Derbyshire.

With a peal of Stedman Doubles at Queen Charlton, Somerset, Messrs. F. C. Mogford and L. Derrick have completed the Stedman quartette.

Back in the peal columns again is Leicester's veteran, Joe Morris, who fittingly rang 9-10 in 'our Ernest's' birthdaay peal. This 'youngster' has just broken a spell of eight unsuccessful attempts for a peal!

From Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, comes a message of congratulation to the Devon Tourists on their successful week. 'The quality of the peals is, one would imagine, very gratifying to the tourists and organisers.

Wedding bells at Hyde, Cheshire, were rung on August 7th for Mr. G. D. Lawton and Miss D. Wilde, member of the Ladies' Guild and daughter of Mr. Tom Wilde, vice-chairman and ringing master of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Regular attendant for service ringing and practices at St. John the Baptist's, Croydon, is 86-year-old Mr. G. Ades. He participated in a quarter on August 1st and is to be congratulated on the manner in which he rang his bell.

Congratulations to Mr. Peter Nix (17), who rang 9-10 in the handbell peal of 9,999 Stedman Caters at Leicester. This young ringer rang his first peal of Stedman only a fortnight previously and possesses a remarkable degree of rhythm, combined with fine style and ease.

Mr. T. H. Pook, a well-known member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, is in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital with a broken thigh. Sympathy and good wishes are extended to him and to Mr. F. Dymond, another Devon ringer, who recently met with a serious accident at Tunbridge Wells.

Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild who visited towers in Hertfordshire and Middlesex from July 24th to 31st wish to tender sincere thanks to all incumbents and local ringers for their welcome and assistance. 'We are also indebted,' writes Mr. E. G. Orland, 'to Mr. A. Pat Cannon, if only for his definition of the difference between a "bob caller" and a conductor.

Mr. Arthur Moore, whose diamond wedding was celebrated by a quarter-peal at Daventry on August 6th, has been a ringer for 65 years. He was tower captain at Daventry for 23 years and although he was 86 on July 31st, he rang in a short touch for evening service the week before. One of those who were instrumental in starting the Daventry branch of the Peterborough Guild, he still maintains a keen interest in the Guild's work.

Mr. Herbert Parker, a regular ringer at Tavnton, Oxford, was married to Miss Elsie Baldwin at Tavnton Parish Church on August 7th. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung after the ceremony by A. W. J. Baldwin 1, F. Soden 2, A. J. Parker 3, B. S. Nichols 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms (conductor) 6. It was first quarter for ringers of 1 and 3, who are brothers of the bride and bridegroom.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

HOLY WEEK RINGING DISAPPROVED

'That this Guild, having in mind the ancient custom of the Church, and in order that offence may not be given to Christians, strongly disapproves of the ringing of church bells during Holy Week, except where it is the custom to ring half-muffled on Good Friday to commemorate the death of our Lord.'

This notice of motion, proposed by Capt. A. R. Poyntz and seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe, was carried by an overwhelming majority at the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford on July 17th. Holy Week for the purpose of the motion was defined as from the Monday to the Saturday, both days inclusive.

All the branches were represented at the meeting, 135 members being present.

The Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) referred, in his report, to the steady, if not always spectacular, progress of most branches.

The treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £533 3s. 8d., of which £459 16s. 4d. was in the Restoration Fund.

The secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) said that 110 peals had been rung in 1947, an increase, with Mr. W. F. Judge and Mr. A. R. Pink well to the fore as conductors. He had noticed several first performances, a healthy sign.

On the proposal of Canon G. F. Coleridge, it was decided to circularise members to raise £98 15s. to recast the tenor bell at East Ilsley as a memorial to Mr. R. T. Hibbert, Guild secretary for nearly 30 years.

Grants of ten guineas to Woodstock and 40 guineas to Burnham for the restoration of bells were approved, and 205 new members were confirmed.

Officers elected were: Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Capt. A. B. Poyntz; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert; librarian, Miss Marie R. Cross; committee, Messrs. C. J. Hibbert, G. Caudwell, W. Dixon, T. J. Fowler, R. White, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins, G. Holifield, W. F. Judge, A. R. Pink and B. S. Nichols, and Miss D. R. Fletcher; trustees, Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. B. Girling and Mr. A. D. Cullum.

After much debate the members voted for an increased subscription to 2s. 6d. annually to enable the Guild to produce a report of pre-war dimensions.

THE SERVICE.

The meeting was preceded by a service in the Cathedral, at which the preacher was Canon Harold Pickles. The appeal to members who were choristers to bring their cassocks and surplices for the service was really magnificent.

Dr. G. B. Allen, Bishop of Dorchester, not only attended the service, but presided at lunch at Christ Church Hall, attended by 186 members. He welcomed the Guild to Christ Church and mentioned that it was one of the days in the year that he looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. Toasts included 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild,' to which the Master replied, and 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. G. Carter, of London.

Ringing took place at the following towers: Cathedral (12), New College (6), Magdalen (10), Merton (8), St. Ebbe's (8), St. Giles' (8), Holywell (6), Carfax (6), St. Aldate's (6), St. Thomas' (6) and Iffley (6).

The thanks of the Guild go to Mr. W. F. Judge, Miss Cross and the Oxford ringers for the work they put in to ensure everyone had a ring.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On July 30th, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Wiley 1, Miss D. Smythe 2, R. Sanderson 3, J. Thorley 4, J. M. Thorley 5, C. Thorley (cond.) 6. First 720 by 1, 2 and 3.

LEAFIELD, OXFORD.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wiggins (13) (1st quarter) 1, P. Baker (first 'inside') 2, L. Smith 3, A. Franklin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wiltshire 6.

Letters to the Editor

HANDBELL TUNES

Dear Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will inform me if there are any publications for handbells of hymn tunes or songs, and, if so, could you let me have particulars and where they can be obtained.

I believe there was a publication of this description some years ago, but I do not know whether it is now in existence.—Yours faithfully, R. DOUGLAS.

3, The Crescent, Thirsk, Yorks.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1798

Dear Sir,—'The Hampshire Chronicle' in its issue of June 12th, under the heading of 150 years ago, records the anniversary of His Majesty's birthday on June 4th, 1798, at Winchester, stating: 'In the afternoon the ringers of the Cathedral began the full peal of 5,040 changes, Grandsire Triples, which they completed in 3 hours and 12 minutes.'

In company with the Guild auditor, Mr. G. Smith, I called at the office of 'The Hampshire Chronicle' on July 27th and we were most cordially received. We asked to see the original copy of the issue of June 9th, 1798, but to our disappointment found no names whatever or details as to the composition.

This was most unfortunate as the first true peal was supposed to be rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths on June 13th, 1885, conducted by the late F. E. Dawe, when John Murrey Hayes rang the tenor (see 'Bell News,' June 20th, 1885, page 92).—Yours sincerely,

Eastleigh, Hants. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

[NOTE.—There are many previous peals of Grandsire Triples recorded, the earliest being at Norwich on August 26th, 1718.—EDITOR.]

CORRECTION

The Editor regrets that an illustration of Wells Cathedral appeared in our last issue as purporting to represent Canterbury Cathedral.

Most of our readers noticed the error, which is deeply deplored by the Editor and those associated with him. He thanks the many friends who have written to him commiserating with him in a most regrettable mistake.

BELLS AND THE LAY EAR

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I did not express myself quite clearly, as both your correspondents, Messrs. Martin and Rayfield, have misunderstood me.

Of course, I was aware that only ten bells are recorded as the B.B.C. interval signal, and I intended to imply that the question master was also wrong—that was part of my point.

I also wrote to the B.B.C. pointing out the error! In my letter I mentioned another question which came up in a later session. It was, 'Where would you to go to hunt the tenor?' First answer, 'In the choir.' Second answer, 'Down a coal mine.' My comment was that I had never heard of the term 'hunt the tenor,' although it was announced as a technical term used in bellringing. I know of a term 'to be in the hunt' (though the tenor would surely not do this) and 'to course the tenor.'

But possibly I have not yet learnt enough of change ringing to have met the term. Perhaps someone could kindly enlighten me? Is there such a thing as 'hunting the tenor'?

To return to my original point, surely it cannot be a common failing to be unable to distinguish between four, six, eight and ten bells ringing rounds? Or is the sound of bells ringing changes just a vague noise to many people as is an orchestra playing a Beethoven symphony?—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN PEARSON.

Vicarage Cottage, Warminster, Wilts.

Ringing Week at Trowbridge

An enterprise, conceived in convivial surroundings in Oxford this spring, came to fruition during the first week in August, when under the leadership of Mr. Walter Judge a party of Oxford ringers and friends met for a week's ringing holiday centred at Trowbridge.

The 'residents' at the Roundstone Hotel, Trowbridge, were the Misses Tutt and Spice and Messrs. Judge, Alexander, Mason, Moreton and Wilkins, with the addition of Miss F. A. Edgar for the week-end. They were joined by Messrs. Andrews and Dyke for most of the week, and by Messrs. Harding, Fry and Targett for various peal attempts. The success of the week was due largely to the arrangements made locally by Mr. C. F. Andrews, and to the welcome extended generally by the ringers, tower captains and clergy.

Transport throughout the week was by car and bus. The towers visited for peal attempts and other ringing were as follows: Chippenham (St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity), Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church and Holy Trinity), Westbury, Melksham, Steeple Ashton, Frome, Mells, Twerton-on-Avon, Devizes, Bishop's Cannings and Calne. Altogether five peals were scored, details of which are given elsewhere: notable in these was perhaps the performance of Mr. Roger O. Fry, who rang his first 'touch' of Stedman Cinques in the peal at Trowbridge. Service ringing at Trowbridge on Sunday included the first course of Cambridge Maximus to be rung in Wiltshire.

Tennis, swimming and bowls all had their part in the week's activities, though these diversions were rather curtailed by unsettled weather. This, however, could not dampen the enthusiasm of certain members of the party for 'shove ha'penny' and kindred indoor occupations!

The only regret of this most enjoyable holiday was occasioned by the absence of Mr. H. P. Raynor, a prime mover in the inception and organisation of the week, who had just been called abroad on the death of a relative. To him, and to Mr. W. F. Judge, Mr. C. F. Andrews and all the hospitable ringers of Trowbridge and district, the party tenders its grateful thanks.

TIBSHELF BELLS

BROTHERS' OUTSTANDING SERVICE.

The reopening and rededication of Tibshelf bells on July 31st was also the occasion for presentation to two brothers—Messrs. H. and J. Draycott—who between them had over 110 years of continuous service to the church.

Representatives of the following towers of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association were present at the service: Alfreton, Blackwell, Clay Cross, Heath, Morton, South Normanton, Sutton-in-Ashfield, North Wingfield, Darley Dale and the local ringers.

The bells were dedicated by the Rev. T. E. Fowler, who in his address spoke of the difficulties of maintaining a band of ringers in a small village and commended the local captain, Mr. H. Draycott, for his services.

After the service the presentations, which took the form of gifts of money from the Church Council and fellow-members of the church, were made by Mr. C. Lowe.

Mr. H. Draycott has 60 years' continuous service as a ringer at Tibshelf to his credit. For a number of years he was also a member of the church choir.

Mr. J. Draycott also started ringing in 1888, but unfortunately work took him away from the village. On his return he took his usual place as a ringer and became a member of the choir. He also received a photograph of members of the choir.

The restoration of the bells was possible through a bequest of Mr. S. Ashmore, a member of an old Tibshelf family. Ringing during the day was varied and extended to Cambridge Surprise.

OUTINGS

A TRIP THROUGH SOMERSET.

Keynsham ringers, with their friends, recently held their outing with a motor-coach tour of Somerset. Cheddar's fine-toned ring of eight was put at the disposal of the ringers, while the uninitiated visited the caves and gorge. Soon, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were re-echoing in the surrounding hills.

At Axbridge, the magnificent ring of six by Taylor's was put to good use. These bells, hung in a finely-proportioned central tower, must surely be among the finest in Somerset.

It had been hoped that the recently rehung six at St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, would be available, but this was not so, and after a pre-war style tea, the party moved off across the Polden Hills to Burnham-on-Sea, the last tower to be visited. Some difficulty was experienced in rising the bells, and this was found to be due to the fact that a platform around the clock-case, and which should have been removed, was interfering with the rope-circle.

The thanks of the party are due to Mr. L. Ellis for arranging a pleasant and memorable outing.

RODBOURNE CHENEY.

Rodbourne Cheney outing was held on Aug. 7th, the party being stiffened by ringers from other towers. Despite a late start, caused by the solicitor of the party, Yate was reached on time and some good ringing was had on this heavy six. Iron Acton bells needed careful handling, but everyone was at home at Thornbury, where rounds to Double Norwich were rung. The last call was Wickwar and some excellent ringing took place here. Thanks are extended to all who contributed to the success of the outing. W.B.K.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

On July 31st, Blewbury ringers and friends from Aldershot, Hagbourne and Harwell visited Northleach, Charlton Kings, Prestbury, Barnwood, Gloucester and Cirencester towers, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung. An enjoyable day was spent despite the heat wave.

GRUNDISBURGH AND DISTRICT.

The bus left the wilds of Suffolk at 2.45 a.m. on Saturday and picked up en route. At 4.15 all were aboard and Kettering was 93 miles ahead, where we were due for breakfast at 9.15. We were dead on time and enjoyed a hearty meal.

At Loughborough Bell Foundry we were met by Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. Colin Harrison, who conducted us on a most interesting tour of the foundry. Ringing was on the foundry bells and also the lovely ten at All Saints'. Mr. Jack Fidler was our guest at lunch.

Then to Leicester, where Mr. Ernie Morris was waiting to welcome us at St. Margaret's. Cambridge and lesser methods were rung. Then to the Cathedral, which 12 has to be heard to be believed; for their weight they are magnificent.

We were joined at tea by Ernest, Arthur Debenham and Shirley Burton. Ringing in the evening was at St. John the Divine, where we met Mr. and Mrs. H. Poole. Finally came the social attended by Sid Harrison's handbell ringers and so to bed.

In the morning we split up and rang at three different churches in Leicester for service and had a grand send-off by about 20 of our Leicester friends. Lunch was at Kettering, and at Thranston Mr. George Jeffs met us and conducted us to Tichmarsh to ring on a grand eight. Tea was at Cambridge. Here eight went to the Roman Catholic Church and others to the 12- and 8-bell towers. Ipswich was reached at 10.30 p.m. C.W.P.

OBITUARY

PREB. W. P. COLE SHEANE.

We regret to record the death on August 13th of Preb. William Pakenham Cole Sheane, the president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild since 1930.

Preb. Cole Sheane was appointed Vicar of Twickenham in 1923 and took a deep interest in the affairs of the Association. He was a Prebendary of St. Paul's. From 1914-23 he was Vicar of Beeston and from 1906-13 was on the staff of Southwark Cathedral.

MR. JAMES E. BAILEY'S PEALS

The late Mr. James E. Bailey rang 159 peals, of which he conducted 20. These were for four associations; 128 were for the Kent County Association and 44 were rung on Dartford bells.

Minor.—Plain Bob, 3 tower, 1 handbell.

Triples.—Grandsire, 9 (conducted 3), 1; Plain Bob, 1; Stedman, 30 (3); Erin, 1.

Major.—Plain Bob, 20 (4), 4 (2); Little Bob, 1; Gainsborough Little Bob, 1; Crayford College Bob, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob, 13; Cambridge Surprise, 23 (3); New Cambridge Surprise, 2; Superlative Surprise, 11; Yorkshire Surprise, 6; Painswick Surprise, 1; Lincolnshire Surprise, 1; Belgrave Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 4; London Surprise, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 10 (3); Oxford Treble Bob, 1.

Caters.—Grandsire, 2 (1), 1 (1); Stedman, 1.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 2; Oxford Treble Bob, 1.

Cinques.—Stedman, 3.

Totals: Tower 152 (17); handbells 7 (3).

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting was held at Warwick, attended by 50 members and friends. The lovely ten at St. Mary's were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting took place in the vestry, presided over by the Master (Mr. A. H. Beamish). Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray), Messrs. F. E. Pervin, J. W. Taylor and H. C. Burt.

Both Stratford and Alcester were proposed for the October quarterly meeting, but as there was a likelihood of Stratford bells being dedicated in September, when a large number of ringers would be present, it was decided to hold the business meeting at Alcester on the third Saturday in October.

New members elected were Mrs. A. Stain (Warwick), E. Wilson and J. Turner (Nuneaton), with the name of A. J. Hobley ratified following election prior to a peal.

August 28th was mentioned as the date of the induction of the Rev. L. Bruce to the living of Exhall, near Coventry, and members were invited to ring for the service.

A Guild annual dinner was suggested, and the committee are to discuss the matter and report at the next meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

Twelve towers were represented together with a number from outside the branch at the meeting at Maiden Newton. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (Canon D. F. Slemeck), and the lesson was read by the branch chairman (Canon Markby). Tea was served in the schools.

At the business meeting Canon Markby presided, and Wyke Regis was selected for the next meeting on September 18th.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow asked that, when sending out notices, the secretary should state the number of bells at the towers concerned to enable members to study appropriate methods in readiness.

Some members made their way to Sydling St. Nicholas and enjoyed some good ringing on the heavy five there.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Clarke 1, F. Bishop 2, Miss Jean Freer 3, J. Sutton 4, F. Haysom 5, K. Orchard 6, P. Foote (cond.) 7, W. Damer 8.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

SHEANE. — On Aug. 13th, 1948, William Pakenham Cole Sheane, Priest, Prebendary of St. Paul's, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham, and President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. 3952

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

LLANDUDNO.—'Plas Madoc,' where a homely welcome awaits you and your holiday happiness enhanced with the beauty of Wales in the autumn. Vacancies September onwards.—E. R. Williams (phone 6514). 3887

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted urgently, furnished or unfurnished flat. Ringer and wife (State Registered Nurse) coming to live in Bristol. Both ringers. No children. Can anyone help? — E. J. Taylor, Longmead, Hempsted, Gloucester.

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.— The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH (Basingstoke District), and OXFORD (Sonning Deanery District).—Combined meeting at Yorktown (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st, 2.30 to 9. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Also Yateley (8), Hawley (8), Sandhurst (6), 2.30 to 9, Farnborough (6), 2.30 to 3.45, Bagshot (8) and Finchamstead (6), from 6 to 9. A coach will run between towers, starting at Farnborough 2.15. Tickets for tea and coach 3s. 6d. inclusive (separately 2s.) from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 3890

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting at Writtle (8), Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells 2.30. Numbers for tea to T. Lincoln, 11, Victoria Road, Oxney Green, Writtle.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Repton (8), Aug. 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5. 3928

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Meeting at Stow on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 3929

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Fishlake (6), Aug. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus from Stainforth 2.15, 3.30, 4 approx. 3930

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Hawkhurst, Saturday, Aug. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements. — R. Tappenden, Hon. Sec., Gun Green, Hawkhurst. 3931

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Beedon (6), Aug. 21st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. T. Curtis, World's End, Beedon, Newbury. 3916

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Brighstone, Aug. 21st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea can be arranged.—A. M. Guy. 3948

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Parish Church, Kendal, Aug. 21st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Names for tea to I. J. Heap, 7, Bridge Street, Kendal. —N. M. Newby, J. Skeats, Branch Secs. 3962

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Fen Ditton (5), Saturday, Aug. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Barn Cafe, Horningsea (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 3920

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting Aug. 21st. Ladbroke bells now available 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. prior to Southam 3 p.m.—T. W. Sheppard, Dis. Sec. 3935

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Osmaston, Aug. 28th, 3. Tea 5. Names to W. A. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, Derby, Aug. 25th latest. 3918

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Kirbymoorside (6 bells), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Spenceley, Vivers Place, Kirbymoorside, Yorks, before Aug. 26th. — Edward Hudson, District Secretary. 3923

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hough-on-the-Hill (6 bells), Aug. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mackeers, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, by Monday, 23rd.—Bernard H. Dallin, Hon. Sec. 7013

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Wells, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Usual arrangements. Please reply as soon as possible.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 3919

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District.—Saturday, Aug. 28th, at Haverhill (6), 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided 5.15 in Church Room. More support desired.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 3915

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Clent, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify numbers before Aug. 24th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 3927

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Hothfield (6), Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own tea.—T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3960

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—August meeting at Calverley on Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged (2s. per head) for all who notify Mr. S. Keighley, 6, Salisbury Street, Calverley, near Leeds, by Aug. 25th. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m. —H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 3963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 3961

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Westerleigh (6), Aug. 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 3936

EAST DERBYS AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Denby (6), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. H. Price. 3943

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Great Gransden, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3944

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Lockington, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, Village Hall, 5. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 3938

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Salford Priors (8) on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at 3 p.m. Please bring your own tea. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3947

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 28th, Windsor, 3 to 4. Old Windsor 6. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 3946

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Brentford on Saturday, Aug. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and important business to follow.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 3957

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thorne, Aug. 28th, 2.30. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 3953

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Eckington, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea. Names to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, by Aug. 23rd. 3958

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Brightling (8), Aug. 28th. Bells 2.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. — F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 3967

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Uphill, Aug. 28th, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 3964

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Yelvertoft, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Tea only for those whose names reach me by Aug. 20th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch. — Norton Subcourse, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea after. Please inform G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, names or number for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3942

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—CRUSADERS OF S.W. DIVISION.—Meeting at Chigwell Row (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th, at 3 p.m. A meeting for learners, rounds upwards, everybody welcome; arrangements made for tea. Frequent bus service from Ilford or Barking or Central London Line to Gant's Hill, thence by bus.—F. V. Gant. 3941

KENT COUNTY (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS (N.W. District).—Combined meeting at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) not later than Aug. 28th to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 3956

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OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newton Longville on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks. 3945

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s.6d. per head. It is essential that those who require tea must inform Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry, Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3951

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Llanbradach, Saturday Sept. 4th. Bells 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 3980

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cadoxton (6), near Neath, Sept. 4th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The by-meeting at Brenchley is cancelled owing to a defect in the bells. A meeting will be held instead at Leigh (6) on Sept. 4th at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 3965

RUPERT RICHARDSON MEMORIAL TABLETS.—The dedication of the above tablets will take place at Surfleet on Saturday, Sept. 4th, at a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Tea for only those who obtain a ticket from Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, before Aug. 28th. 3966

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Bodelwyddan, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 3. Meeting and tea to follow. Please notify for tea before Sept. 2nd.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3968

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 3950

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, Manchester, Sept. 18th. Assemble Town Hall 11. Ringing: Town Hall, Christ Church, Didsbury, St. Mark's, Worsley, and the Cathedral. Lunch 1.15. Tea 6 and social, Engineers' Club, 17, Albert Square. Tickets, 5s. lunch, 5s. tea. Application with remittance to ex-Supt. F. R. Williams, 35, Boardman Road, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester 8. Names and applications by Sept. 7th to comply with regulations, otherwise no admission.—H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec. 3937

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS. — Preliminary. — Annual dinner at Worcester, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tickets (6s. each) shortly available from Branch and General Secs. Early application, please.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 3959

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.—Preliminary notice.—On Oct. 16th there will be a dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a social and dance. Tickets 10s. each (number limited) from Miss Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 3955

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BRISTOL.—On July 17th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Harding 1, A. Prince 2, E. Ridler 3, F. J. Sampson 4, R. Hooper 5, V. Lucas 6, A. Bennett 7, C. Baker (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 4, 5, 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Bullock 1, G. Townsend 2, F. J. Daniell 3, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 4, T. Townsend 5, S. Palmer 6, R. Townsend 7, J. Berry 8, G. Wells 9, W. W. Daniell 10. Birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th, who is 78.

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	64352	62453	35642
	45623	25634	−35426
Y	−45236	−25346	−35264
Y	−45362	−25463	56342
	56423	56234	64523
	62534	63542	42635
	23645	34625	23456
Z	34256	42356	

The above is a 360 in three parts. It must be doubled by singles to produce a full 720. The normal way of doing this is to call a single in position Z (tenor at home) and again after 3 parts. But this has the advantage of introducing two extra calls which from the point of view of the young conductor increases the chance of going wrong. Perhaps a better plan is to change a bob marked X into a single. This reverses two of the light bells and has the desired result. Another single is called 3 parts later.

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Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

ERIC NOBLES	...*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ...	5
CHARLES SHARPLES	2	DAVID BEVERIDGE	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	7
FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ...	4	RICHARD STREEK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

ELHAM.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*DAVID BEVERIDGE	...*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

LYMINGE.

On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELBURGA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
J. E. Burton's Four-part. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. ROWE ...	...*Treble*	ERIC NOBLES	5
*JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ...	2	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	6
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	7
†JOHN A. ACRES	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method and of Major. † First peal on tower bells and 25th peal.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE.

On Sun., August 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*JOHN H. ARLET (14)	...*Treble*	ERIC NOBLES	4
*DAVID BEVERIDGE	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	5
ERNEST J. ROWE	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor and in the method. The conductor's 200th peal.

MARGATE.

On Mon., August 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

BIRCHINGTON.

On Mon., August 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

DAVID BEVERIDGE ...	...*Treble*	ERIC NOBLES	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	RONALD N. MARLOW ...	6
GEORGE W. PIPE (13) ...	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
WILLIAM BOTTRILL	4	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	...*Tenor*

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NEW ROMNEY.

On Tues., August 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	5
GEORGE W. PIPE (13) ...	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	6
*FRANK L. HARRIS ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

WYE.

On Wed., August 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	5
JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ...	2	ERIC NOBLES	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	RONALD N. MARLOW ...	7
CHARLES SHARPLES	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

ASHFORD.

On Wed., August 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

GORDON C. BRIGGS	...*Treble*	*FRANK L. HARRIS ...	5
GEORGE W. PIPE (13) ...	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	3	RONALD H. DOVE	7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	4	CECIL W. PIPE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Superlative.

WALMER.

On Wed., August 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW...	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ...	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	7
WILLIAM BOTTRILL	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
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DOVER.

On Wed., August 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	5
*WILLIAM A. T. CARTER...	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	7
A. PATRICK CANNON ...	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

RAMSGATE.

On Thurs., August 12, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

CHARLES SHARPLES...	...*Treble*	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	6
*WILLIAM A. T. CARTER...	2	*ERIC NOBLES	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	*WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	8
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	9
GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	5	CECIL W. PIPE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

HIGH HALDEN.

On Fri., August 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*JOHN A. ACRES ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.	4
RONALD H. DOVE	2	*DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	5
*WILLIAM A. T. CARTER...	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor.

TENTERDEN.

On Fri., August 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 30 cwt.

*RONALD N. MARLOW	...*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	7
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	4	CECIL W. PIPE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

ROLVENDEN.
On Fri., August 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	ERIC NOBLES	5
JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ...	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	7
*ERNEST J. ROWE	4	†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 50th tower for a peal.

SELLING.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN H. ARLET (14) ...	*Treble*	†DAVID BEVERIDGE ...	5
CHARLES SHARPLES ...	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	6
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS...	3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	7
WILLIAM A. T. CARTER...	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID J. CHARNLEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

FAVERSHAM.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-OF-CHARITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE (13) ...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	3	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

OSPRINGE.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BOTTRILL	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	5
*JOHN A. ACRES	2	RONALD N. MARLOW ...	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	7
ERIC NOBLES	4	CECIL W. PIPE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

CHILHAM.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18½ cwt.

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
GEORGE W. PIPE (13) ...	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
FRANK L. HARRIS	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	7
RONALD H. DOVE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 31¼ cwt.

EWART A. ANDREWS	*Treble*	FRANK SADLER	6
J. WILLIAM HEATH	2	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	8
MISS MARGARET ROWLAND	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	9
FREDERICK G. NURDEN...	5	ROBERT A. GEDEN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
In memoriam Harry Middleton.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	ERIC B. HARTLEY	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	2	HARRY SANGER	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	RONALD G. BECK	8
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	5	LEONARD DERRICK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. W. Knight and Mr. R. G. Beck.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., August 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

*VERNON J. BENNING	*Treble*	†R. W. M. CLOUSTON...	6
†JOAN HOULDSWORTH ...	2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ...	7
‡M. JANET MATTINSON ...	3	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	8
‡GEOFFREY F. CARTER ...	4	*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	9
†DENIS N. LAYTON... ...	5	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal for the Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	*VINCENT A. HEMMING...	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
MISS MARGARET ROWLAND	3	JOHN THOMAS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	4	*THOMAS ABBOTTS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman.

ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., August 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*PETER G. PARROTT	*Treble*	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	5
†JOAN HOULDSWORTH ...	2	R. W. M. CLOUSTON ...	6
‡DENIS N. LAYTON ...	3	§VERNON J. BENNING ...	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of London. ‡ First peal in one Surprise method. § First peal of Surprise "inside."

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

ROGER R. SAVORY ...	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	5
ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ...	2	ARCHIBALD REED	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	ROBERT A. GEDEN	7
PATRICK HARRIS	4	EDGAR MITCHELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
In memoriam George Moisey, ringer, clerk and sexton at this church for 40 years.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., August 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY ...	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
In memoriam James E. Bailey.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	*Treble*	ALFRED W. HEATH ...	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	*LEONARD I. HULBERT ...	6
FRED. J. HANNINGTON ...	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK...	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Major. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the fourth.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM FERNLEY ...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	2	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
JAMES A. MILNER	4	PETER LAFLIN... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method. For the wedding of Mr. G. D. Lawton and Miss D. Wilde. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

BERT HORTON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
†ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

DENIS D. WRIGHT...	...*Treble*	DEREK SANDERSON	5
FRANK WARRINGTON ...	2	WILLIAM SMITH	6
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	3	STANLEY GILBERT	7
HERBERT GOAKES	4	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First Major peal. Tenor 20 cwt.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED SCHOFIELD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN WOODS	5
BETTY SCHOFIELD	2	JOHN BAGNALL	6
JAMES SKEATS	3	HERBERT S. PALMER ...	7
ERNEST SWAIN	4	JAMES E. BURLES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rector's daughter, Miss M. E. J. Nock.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES E. BROWN	...*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	KENNETH S. B. CROFT...	7
WALTER TOMLINSON ...	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt

*HAZEL DALE	...*Treble*	†HAROLD A. NOBES ...	5
JOAN SALMONS	2	*ERNEST A. JURD ...	6
FREDK. A. BURNETT ...	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	7
*JOHN W. MEADE	4	‡BRYAN C. STIRLAND	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in method. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN W. GLEW ...	...*Treble*	GIRLING RIGBY	5
JACK BAILEY	2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	6
WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...	3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ...	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First in method. First as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. H, Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

JACK N. BROWN ...	...*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ...	2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	6
JOHN E. BIBBY...	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES F. CLARKE ...	...*Treble*	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ...	5
MISS MARGARET BEAMISH	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ...	7
LEONARD TREVOR	4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method. First in the method by the local band.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., August 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

JILL POOLE	...*Treble*	GERALD F. BALL	5
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	6
JOHN H. BAILESS	3	HAROLD J. POOLE	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	WILLIAM H. BRIGGS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., August 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 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 FREDA D. MURKITT	5
MISS MARY PEMBERTON...	2	GORDON W. LIMMER ...	6
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK...	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD	4	CYRIL A. BURGESS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
First peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., August 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*COLIN D. LINCH ...	...*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5
*ORIEL CASTLEMAN	2	ARTHUR W. SKINNER ...	6
†ALAN CATTELL	3	ROWLAND BARROW	7
†RONALD W. SWANN ...	4	ERNEST MORRIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. E. C. Jones. Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., August 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BAYSWATER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

G. EDWARD LANKESTER...	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal ever rung in the method.

ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

*WILLIAM DIXON ...	...*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	5
HARRY DAVISON	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
FRED HODGSON	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY. — On Aug. 8th, 1,344 Bob Major: F. Stone (first of Major) 1, J. Oughton 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, G. Gardner 4, C. H. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Aylett 6, P. Stone 7, J. W. Taylor 8.

ASHTON, LANCS. — On Aug. 8th. at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. B. Robinson 2, R. H. Wimpenny 3, D. Ogden 4, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 5, P. F. Turner 6. Rung to celebrate 21 years of service by the Vicar and as a farewell quarter to the conductor.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Pidgeon (first quarter) 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, C. J. Champion (first quarter) 3, Rev. K. G. Hoare (Vicar) 4, T. Arrow 5, A. W. Palmer (first quarter) 6.

BURFORD, OXON. — On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, B. J. Forest 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, G. R Miles 8.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Bob Major: R. Lord (first quarter) 1, A. Hough 2, A. A. Lucas 3, H. Duncombe 4, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 5, C. R. Belton 6, T. C. Belton 7, G. P. Garner 8. A 60th birthday compliment to the Rector. Canon H. V. Williams.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.—At SS. Mary and Cuthbert's on Aug. 8th, 1.280 Bob Major: W. Nicholson 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, F. Sheraton 3, J. W. Robson 4, H. Jarrett 5, D. A. Bayles 6, C. Mordue 7, S. C. Walker (cond.) 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Aug. 8th, at St. James' Church, 1.260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, G. A. Parsons 2, G. Charge 3, W. Prockson (first quarter in method) 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, L. H. Bowler 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples (on the light 8): F. E. Mitchell 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. Parks 3, T. Bulgin 4, G. Steere 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, G. Ades (aged 86) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Kilsby 1, T. Furness 2, G. Hancock (first of Triples) 3, A. Chown 4, W. Moore 5, S. Ruddlesden 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, E. Abbot 8. In honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. A. Moore.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. L. Joyce (first quarter) 1, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 2, R. E. Woods 3, R. C. Turner 4, P. L. Eldridge 5, A. G. Gasson 6.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX. — On Aug. 8th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nelhams 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, J. I. P. Davis (Poole, Dorset) 3, J. Allsop 4, J. W. Stephenson (first as cond.) 5, J. B. Sansom 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, H. M. Page 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Corderoy 1 D. Jordan 2, H. Bishop 3, G. Bishop 4, R. B. Blond (cond.) 5, J. Gordon 6, W. Corderoy 7, E. Mulford 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 7.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS. — On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tickner (first quarter) 1, F. Wilton (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. E. Richards 3, A. Palmer (cond.) 4, W. W. Daniell 5, G. Newman 6.

IBSTOCK, LEICS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Bott 1, C. Verey 2, Miss B. M. Jackson 3, J. Beniston 4, R. E. Manton 5, R. Beniston (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Aug. 1st at St. Mary's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. Castle 3, W. Brainch (first of Major) 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. H. Begrie 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

LONDON. — On Aug. 15th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Cinques: J. B. Sansom 1, J. Phillips 2, R. W. Green 3, H. R. Newton 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, H. Langdon (cond.) 6, J. Stephenson 7, J. F. Smallwood 8, H. Belcher 9, J. E. Chilcott 10, R. F. Deal 11, H. M. Page 12. First quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques for M. V. Chilcott and H. M. Page.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—On Aug. 8th, in the belfry of St. Columb's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hugh McIntyre (first quarter) 1-2, Terry R. Hampton (first on handbells) 3-4, Lily Hughes (first quarter) 5-6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): A. Tickner (14) 1, B. Bladon (14) 2, Beryl Strange (17) 3, Bernice Strange (15) 4, J. E. Manners (15, cond.) 5, L. Hedges (16) 6. First as conductor and rung on his 15th birthday.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE. — On Aug. 10th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rawlinson 1, W. Schofield 2, A. Jackson 3, H. Saxon 4, F. Hodge 5, A. Roberts 6, V. Turner (first quarter as cond.) 7, A. Brownhill 8. For the silver wedding of the conductor, who generously entertained the ringers and wives together with a large number of friends on August 7th.

SANDHURST, KENT. — At the Church of St. Nicholas', 1,320 Doubles (960 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire), on July 31st: Miss F. Wood (first quarter) 1, J. O. Santer 2, L. T. Pope 3, S. G. Waters 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 5, A. H. Kemp 6. In memoriam Canon T. G. Beal.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 24th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major: D. A. Collins (first quarter) 1, F. A. J. Steward 2, P. K. Parker 3, J. Crapnell 4, Jas. Jennings (cond.) 5, John Jennings 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, who has recently been appointed towermaster of St. Clement's, Ipswich.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. G. Collett 1, L. Oliffe 2, B. S. Nichols 3, G. H. Wright 4, G. E. Large (cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6, B. J. Coggins 7, W. J. Dixon 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 7.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Miss M. Baker 1, Miss E. Sills 2, Miss V. Wallis 3, A. V. Kemp 4, R. L. Sills (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. All under 17 years of age except tenor. Rung for 16th birthday of Miss V. Wallis.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To hand is the report of the Leicestershire tour during the first week of August. Five peals were scored. The week was not without its misfortunes. Miss Mavis Whitehead had a night in hospital following a motor-cycle accident which resulted in a cut leg.

Master George W. Pipe (13) rang his 20th peal during the Kent tour. Eleven of these are in Surprise methods.

Mr. P. George Golder was the conductor of the peal at Aldridge, Staffs. on July 17th, which he called from the fifth.

'Nil Desperandum' asks us to inform David Anstey that he has now had 10 unsuccessful attempts for a peal of Cambridge Major.

Wonersh (Surrey) Church bells will be re-dedicated at an early date. The contract for their repair was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and includes a new steel frame.

Guildford Diocesan Guild have lost an old friend by the sudden death of Mr. Maurice Smither, of Chiddingfold, on August 20th. Before going to Chiddingfold he was a member of Holy Trinity, Guildford, band.

One of Australia's most promising lady ringers. Miss Betty Sloan, has been ordered by her doctor to give up bellringing. To her credit Miss Sloan has a peal of Doubles and various quarters.

Ex-P.-Sgt. Albert Lawrence, of Hatfield, was admitted to Simpson Ward, Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet, Herts, on the 17th inst., and although he has undergone one operation, is still subject to observation. His general health is being maintained.

Attending the dedication of Abergavenny bells was Mr. F. S. Wilson, who introduced change ringing to Abergavenny 40 years ago and made a special journey from Lilliput, Dorset, to be present. Also in the congregation was Mr. John W. Jones, of Monmouth.

Truro Diocesan Guild continues to record firsts for the Guild. Four were added during a ringing holiday in Cornwall, during which six peals were successfully rung. The story of 'the week' and the peals will appear in our next issue.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon is recuperating at Bournemouth after the strenuous programme of the Kent tour. He has now rung 200 peals in 183 different towers.

Mr. J. Burns, of 19a, Langdale Avenue, Wigan, has succeeded Mr. N. Heaps as secretary of the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association.

The composition of Plain Bob Major rung at Selling, Kent, contains the extent of six in the 6th place and 2 and 3 never there. It was called for the first time by the composer, Mr. David J. Charnley.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Ives on August 2nd was the first peal of Major for Gerald Nicholls, Stanley Shipp and Claude Gimbett, and the first 'inside' for Eric Smith, reports the conductor, Mr. F. Warrington.

Mr. Walter Ayre hopes to return home at the end of this week from West Herts Hospital. It will be another three weeks before he parts with his plaster leg and then there will be a course of treatment. He expects to be out of ringing for at least a couple of months. Mr. Ayre thanks all who have sent their good wishes.

'The Farmers' Weekly' gave ringing fine publicity in a recent issue by a three page story by Ursula Dacombe of the Dunster bell-ringers' outing into Devonshire. Ringing took place at Chittlehampton, Torrington and Okehampton. There is a reference to the song written by A. R. Tudball for the bellringers' supper dealing with an abortive attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, which might well amuse the Exercise at large.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

THE ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, Ely, was rehung in 1882, and reopened on Whit Monday, May 29th, of that year. It was at the luncheon following that Mr. Gervas Holmes (of the bell-founding firm of Messrs. Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie) introduced the idea of forming a Diocesan Association. The idea was warmly approved, and the Rev. Kenelm H. Smith agreed to undertake the necessary preliminary work towards its formation.

On August Bank Holiday, August 6th, 1883, a gathering of ringers took place in Cambridge, when at a meeting presided over by the Rev. Dr. Luard the Association was formed, with the Rev. K. H. Smith, of Ely, as secretary. Other elections were the Ven. Archdeacon Emery as president and Mr. M. C. Potter, of Cambridge, as treasurer. At that time the Diocese of Ely covered a vast area, including the whole of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire and extending into Suffolk and Bedfordshire.

During the next few years meetings were held at Ely, Cambridge, Bury St. Edmunds, Sudbury, Wisbech, Newmarket, Mildenhall and Soham, but the attempt to weld and organise the ringers of this large diocese into a virile association was showing signs of failure.

In 1890 the Rev. J. R. Vincent came into residence as chaplain and lecturer to the Ely Theological College, and he being a member of the Oxford Guild, as well as others, was naturally interested in ringing affairs within the diocese. After several conferences with the secretary he offered to do all he could to 'resuscitate and quicken the dry bones.'

CONFINING ACTIVITIES.

Accordingly a meeting was held in St. Mary's Parish Room, Ely, on December 8th, 1890. The Rev. J. R. Vincent put forward the idea of confining the activities of the Association to a much smaller area with Ely as its centre, and so extend and grow outwards as the movement gained strength. This plan was adopted, and to put it into effect a smaller society was formed within the framework of the old Diocesan Association, under the title of 'The Ely District Association of Bellringers.' A committee was appointed, with the Rev. J. R. Vincent as secretary and Mr. A. Pilgrim, of Ely, as Master.

This District Association met with a greater measure of success and grew in influence and numbers, so that on January 12th, 1897, a special meeting was held in Cambridge to consider the amalgamation of the 'District' with the 'Diocesan' Association. It was then agreed that 'the Ely District Association shall cease to exist as such, but shall take up the name and work of the Ely Diocesan Association.' Since 1890 the latter had had a nominal existence only, no meetings being held. At this meeting of reorganisation the Bishop of Ely was elected president, the Archdeacons of Ely and Huntingdon vice-presidents, the Rev. K. H. Smith treasurer, Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, auditor, and the Rev. W. W. Covey-Crump, of Haddenham, general secretary.

The latter had given yeoman service to the 'District' Association as its secretary for some years, and served the Diocesan Association in this capacity until 1903. Now, as Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral, he still lives in retirement in that city. In passing, it is interesting to note that since the Association dates from the reorganisation of 1897, it reached its jubilee last year, the occasion being marked by a special meeting held at Ely, when at a service in the Cathedral the address was given by the Bishop. Canon Covey Crump was present at the service and at the tea which followed at St. Mary's Hotel. In its first year the reborn Association scored 13 peals, and had branches in the Archdeaconries of Ely, Huntingdon and Sudbury; also in the Isle of Ely.

A scheme was drawn up by the general secretary in collaboration with the secretary of the Bedfordshire Association for the affiliation of the latter as the 'Bedford Archidiaconal Branch'; although approved at meetings at Ely and Lavenham, the Bedfordshire men rejected the proposal.

At the annual meeting in 1904 it was considered that the Association, as a diocesan organisation, should cover the whole diocese and accordingly a branch was formed in the Archdeaconry of Bedford. Some years later the Bedfordshire territory was transferred to the Diocese of St. Albans.

SUFFOLK A SEPARATE GUILD.

It was about 1914 that the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury was formed, covering the portion of Suffolk which had till then been in the Ely diocese. However, the Suffolk men maintained their membership, and in 1919, after the first world war, the title of the Association was amended to 'The Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association,' thus embracing the two dioceses. With the formation of the Suffolk Guild in 1921 the connection was severed, and the Association resumed its former title. The Suffolk district had played a big part in the life of the Association, contributing a large membership and ringing many of its peals. Many were rung at Lavenham, 48 on tower bells and 34 on handbells, in all of which the Symonds family were prominent. The loss of this district was keenly felt.



THE REV. KENELM H. SMITH, founder of the Ely Diocesan Association.

It was also about 1914 that a part of Norfolk was transferred from the Norwich to the Ely diocese. Although Ely gained much in an architectural sense, as those who know the splendour of the churches of Marshland will agree, ringing was at a rather low ebb in the new area, many of its bells being derelict or almost so. In recent years, however, there has been evident a growing interest in bells and ringing in this part of the diocese, with a consequent improvement in both. Those ringers who have seen the glorious Church of Walpole St. Peter (the 'Queen of Marshland') will be glad to know that its long derelict ring of six bells are shortly to be rehung. To-day the Ely diocese, and consequently the Association, still covers a large area, the whole of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire and three deaneries in West Norfolk. This includes much of the Fenland of Hereward-the-Wake, with its small isolated villages.

PEALS.

The number of peals rung by the Association to date is 1,274. Rings of five and six bells easily predominate throughout the diocese, there being only one ring of twelve (St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge) and two rings of ten (Soham and Wisbech). The bells of Soham are in a moribund condition, thus leaving only one ring of ten in good order.

The recent war naturally dislocated many of the Association's activities, but, as evidence of revival, the peals of 1946 doubled those of 1945, those of 1947 numbered 47—the highest total since 1936. So far this year 55 peals have been recorded, and it is quite probable that the all time record of 64 (rung in 1913) will be beaten. Included in this year's peals is the record peal of 10,800 Bob Royal—'The longest length of Bob Royal and of Royal upon handbells.' This was rung in Cambridge, conducted by Mr. E. J. Lindley.

Since 1897 the Association has always had as its president the Bishop of the diocese. General secretaries have been: 1897-1903, Rev. W. W. Covey-Crump; 1904-1911, Rev. R. L. Twells; 1912-1919, Mr. T. R. Dennis (owing to Mr. Dennis serving in 1914-18 war, Mr. A. E. Austin was acting general secretary from 1915-19); 1920-21, Mr. A. E. Austin; 1921-22, Miss V. Shorter; 1922-1930, Rev. R. Copeman; 1930-31, Mr. T. R. Dennis; 1931-35, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake; 1935-45, Miss K. Willers; 1945 to date, Mr. W. W. Cousins.

During the early nineteen hundreds, the St. Neots band, led by the brothers Sidney J. and George D. Coleman, were very successful in ringing handbell peals. The most prolific peal conductor of recent years is Mr. Frank Warrington. Also worthy of mention for his efforts in this sphere is the name of Mr. E. G. Hibbins, of Cambridge.

To give the diocese efficient coverage the Association has four branches, each branch having its own committee, ringing master and secretary; practice meetings are arranged every few weeks.

The Association's objects (quoting from Rule 1) are the promotion of change ringing and belfry reform. That the ever present problem of the disappearing service ringer may have been one of the objects of the reform is suggested by the following admonition displayed in at least two belfries within the diocese:—

> Do not ring and run away,
> Leaving other folk to pray;
> When a ringer doeth so,
> Hand says Come! and foot says Go!

Towards the first of the Association's objectives much has been and is still being done.

At a meeting in 1938 it was proposed to delete the words 'belfry reform' from the rule, whereupon a member dryly remarked that until ringers have their coats off ready to take a rope punctually at the proper time for service ringing on Sundays, there would be a need for 'belfry reform.' Needless to say, the rule stands unaltered!

W. W. C.

EBBW VALE, GLAM. — On Aug. 8th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, Miss R. M. Davies 2, R. Alsop 3, R. Stephens 4, W. Thompsett 5, J. Alsop 6, B. D. Price (cond.) 7, J. Jeynes 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANCIENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your comments on ancient bells, Chalk, Kent, has one reputed to be 1348 (see 'Church Bells of Kent'). If this is true, its first job was tolling for the Black Death in 1349. Milton still has four of its original five (Whitechapel, 1656). In 1656 most people were having a civil war to abolish useless ornaments in churches. Apparently Milton took a different view.

Fulsome inscriptions on bells are a waste of money as they are placed where nobody can see them. Why not place the inscriptions in the porch? The bells of St. George's, Gravesend, are a notable example.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Milton-next-Gravesend.

NOTE THE NOTE

Dear Sir,—Bells in South Wales have a habit of altering their pitch. In the recent report of the peal at St. David's the tenor is given as 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in C. Surely this is incorrect. In 'The Ringing World' for April 8th, 1932, the report of the first peal on the bells gives it as D.

Again, St. Woolos', Newport, tenor is stated to be 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D. I have tested the note with a tuning fork (which incidentally has checked other bells correctly), and I make its note E flat.—Yours faithfully,

Worthing, Sussex. B. D. PRICE.

HANDBELL TUNES

Dear Sir, — There is no need for Mr. R. Douglas to go hunting around for publications for handbells of hymn tunes and songs.

If his bells consist of four octaves, chromatic scale (i.e., with all sharps and flats) and his team know music and can ring four in hand, they would be able to play any hymn or song tune set before them straightaway.

My band of six could play in any key and had two Empire broadcasts, playing from the manuscript supplied to them by B.B.C. choir and orchestra.

I could lend Mr. Douglas my MS. on handbell ringing, which I have been unable to get published (if he wishes). It was printed in 'The Musical Times,' July, 1933.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER,
B.B.C. Handbell Ringer.

The Rectory, Washfield, Tiverton, Devon.

RINGING TIMES

Sir,—As one who does a certain amount of travelling around in the course of duty, I have often thought it a pity that more tower captains do not have a card printed and attached to belfry doors than would appear to do so at present.

I have visited three churches in North Yorkshire in the last few days, where I know there are rings of bells which are hung for ringing, and, I believe, regularly rung: in not one case could I ascertain the practice night nor the times of Sunday ringing. The parish magazines on sale in the churches gave no clue either to the above nor as to who was tower captain or in charge of ringing; I was unable to find anyone to ask, and had no time to go searching for addresses in strange towns.

Would it not be so much simpler if a card pinned to the belfry door gave this information? It surely cannot be too much trouble to provide, and yet it would enable visitors to get a ring with the minimum of trouble, frequently to the benefit of all, and certainly to the pleasure of the visitor.

I can quote two churches where this information can be obtained in the way suggested above: St. Peter's, Dorchester, and the tower in which I am privileged to ring at present—St. Peter's, Bournemouth. May all others follow this example!—Yours, etc.,

E. F. M. SAMSON, Capt., 17/21st Lancers.
Bovington Camp, Dorset.

ACCRINGTON PLACE BOB

Dear Sir,—The following variation of Place Bob was rung at Accrington on August 5th. Previously I submitted it to Mr. A. R. Pink and he knew of no name for it. I have ventured to call it Accrington Place Bob. If a previous name turns up I shall be pleased to withdraw our name.

12345

21354
23154
32514
23541
32451
23415
32145
31245
13254
13524

Yours faithfully,

Accrington, Lancs. ROGER LEIGH.

ST. MARTIN'S, ASHTON-ON-MERSEY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. T. Charlton's letter, the founder of the bell to which he refers was probably Abraham Rudhall I. This could be proved by comparing a rubbing giving lettering, founder's marks and mouldings with known examples of his work.

I suggest Mr. Charlton contacts Mr. J. W. Clarke, of The Thatched Cottage, Mollington, Cheshire, who is preparing a work on the bells of that county and may have the details of the Ashton-on-Mersey bell to hand.—Yours faithfully, FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

Dear Sir, — Mr. H. T. Charlton can rest assured that the bell he mentions was cast at Gloucester by Abraham Rudhall, the first of the famous firm who cast 4,521 bells between 1684 and 1830. In 1679 Abraham Rudhall was a bell hanger, and he either worked for or was connected with the temporary foundry at Bishop's Cleeve, who did some recasting at Tewkesbury Abbey that year. Although the Abbey authorities paid 'Abraham Riddle' for hanging the bells in 1679, we may assume the name was spelt incorrectly, for Rudhall was re-engaged seven years later, this time as a founder.

The date of 1648 in Grove's Dictionary is not correct, for the first Rudhall bell was not cast until 1684.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The third quarterly meeting was held at Cliffe at Hoo on August 14th, when 65 members and friends enjoyed a very good afternoon and evening's ringing on the lovely ring of eight, situated rather off the beaten track in truly rural surroundings.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. Gammon, who in the course of his address welcomed the ringers to Cliffe and spoke of the personal pleasure he got from the visit to the Association to his church.

Tea was taken at the Black Bull Inn, and the business meeting followed with the Rector in the chair. One hon. life member, three hon. members, one non-resident life member and 15 practising members were elected.

Two notices of motion from the Ashford District were deferred for further discussion at the annual meeting, to be held at Rochester on October 9th.

Tributes to the memory of Mr. W. Easter (Gillingham), Mr. C. Belsey (Rainham) Mr. Mitchell (Northfleet) and Mr. J. E. Bailey (Dartford) were paid by Mr. S. Shellock, a former district secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, the local band and lady helpers were proposed by Mr. E. A. G. Allen (Frindsbury).

Mr. William P. Garrett

RANG OVER 100 PEALS OF MAXIMUS.

Tragic circumstances attended the death of Mr. W. P. Garrett, which took place on Saturday, August 14th, in the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich. He had attended to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus to make his 100th peal of Maximus on St. Mary-le-Tower bells and also the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Maximus.

After ringing about an hour, he set his bell, the 3rd, dropped on a seat and collapsed. Dr. Armstrong was soon on the scene; but could only pronounce that he had expired.

Bill, as known to his many friends, was the only ringer to accomplish 100 peals of Maximus on tower bells besides several on handbells. He was 82 years of age and had rung over 350 peals.

In the attempted peal were Messrs. E. Evans and L. W. Wiffen, who rang in the first peal. There is one other survivor—Mr. R. H. Brundle, now 96 years old. Mr. Garrett also rang in the first peal of seven different Surprise Maximus methods.

At the inquest the doctor told the Coroner that Mr. Garrett's heart was somewhat diseased.

The funeral took place on August 19th at the New Cemetery Chapel, Ipswich, the service being conducted by the curate of St. Mary-le-Tower Church. The ringers present were Mrs. Ellenger (also representing Mr. E. G. Ellenger, district secretary), Mrs. and Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Pipe (secretary of the Suffolk Guild), Mr. G. E. Symonds (secretary of St. Mary-le-Tower Society), Messrs. E. Evans, E. W. Pye and F. J. Tillett (St. Mary-le-Tower), and Messrs. C. Crapnell, J. Rose and C. Woodcock (St. Margaret's).

Wreaths were from mother and family; adopted daughter; grandchildren at Maidstone; the Suffolk Guild; St. Mary-le-Tower Society; and many others.

Messrs. Pye, Sedgley, Symonds and Tillett rang a course of Grandsire Triples round the open grave.

AN APPRECIATION.

William Patterson Garrett was born at Ufford, Suffolk, on February 10th, 1866. He passed his boyhood there, learning to ring on the local six, and at Pettistree. He migrated to Ipswich, about 12 miles distant, in his early twenties, and spent the rest of his working life at the well-known firm of agricultural engineers, Ransome, Sims and Jefferies, being a pattern maker by trade.

He naturally gravitated to St. Mary-le-Tower, where he became a contemporary of such men as James and William Motts, W. L. Catchpole and Charles Mee, a hard school, which taught above all else the value of good striking. He became a regular member, and from that time on took part in all the outstanding performances for which the Society became famous.

A first-class ringer, he was equally at home on all numbers, but Maximus was his favourite and he was one of the band which rang the first peal of Surprise Maximus, thereby inaugurating a new era in Maximus ringing. He had taken part in seven first peals of Surprise Maximus and had rung peals in no less than 15 Maximus methods; he was also a notable handbell ringer. There was one record which he alone held and of which he was very proud in his quiet way—he was the only one ever to accomplish a hundred peals of Maximus.

A man of sterling character, quiet, unassuming, loving and lovable, he had a keen sense of humour, and the happy knack of dropping the right word in at the right moment to summarise a situation. His last act in this mortal life was to set his bell, so typical of the man, and to ringers the sign of completion; we will let that stand as his epitaph—'He set his bell.' C.J.S.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Court and Single Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

C. W. SPEED	...*Treble*	†G. SPEED (16)...	4
*P. SPEED (16)...	2	W. J. CLEAVER	5
A. INGALL	3	M. BILLINGS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.
* First peal. † First peal in five methods. First peal in the tower by a local band since 1931.

BODIAM, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., July 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 9 six-scores each of Grandsire and April Day, 12 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Old Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEOFFREY L. FORDHAM..	*Treble*	†MISS RUTH LENEY ...	3
*MISS LUCY MOOR	2	‡J. OWEN SANTER	4
MALCOLM S. CLARKE ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLARKE.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.' First of Doubles as conductor. First in four methods by all the band and on the bells. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Arundale.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues, August 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS GLADYS ASHBY ...	*Treble*	STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	4
HAROLD HAINES	2	PERCY AMOS	5
ERNEST G. ORLAND ...	3	SYDNEY GEORGE OSBORNE.	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., August 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Spliced Accrington place bob and Place Bob (A); Spliced St. Nicholas' and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (B); Spliced Plain Bob and St. Simon's (C); 42 extents: 4—A, 4—C, 4—A, 4—C, 4—B, 4—C, 4—B, 4—C, and 10 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in A.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	RICHARD BLAKEY	3
STUART SMITH	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON...	4
ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B

JOHN A. WEBSTER	*Treble*	*ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER	4
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	*ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS.	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal in seven methods away from the treble. A birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

EAST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., August 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents each of (1) St. Simon's; (2) Eynsham; (3) St. Martin's; (4) Reverse Canterbury; (5) Southrepps Pleasure; (6) Clifford Pleasure; (7) Grandsire; (8) Antelope; (9) Fortune; (10) Plain Bob; (11) Kennington; (12) April Day; (13) Old Doubles; (14) Norfolk. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALFRED CHAPMAN ...	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	4
†E. S. JOHN HATCHER...	2	†REGINALD L. SILLS ...	5
‡COLIN F. MILLS	3	‡FRANK P. WRIGHT...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal. † First of Doubles in more than one method. ‡ First of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Single Oxford and Double Oxford, two 720's of St. Clement's and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE DAVEY ...	*Treble*	*REGINALD L. SILLS ...	4
DORIS E. COLGATE... ...	2	LEONARD A. TIDY... ...	5
ROBERT COLLINS	3	JOHN O. WELLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.
* First peal in four methods.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., August 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

RONALD TRAVIS ...	*Treble*	FRED JEFFERY	4
GEORGE E. FEARN... ...	2	JACK BRAY	5
FRANK LORD	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
A wedding peal for Mr. F. Nash and Miss Mavis King, both ringers at this church. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., August 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores April Day, 12 Plain Bob, 26 Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.)

NORMAN ROWLEY ...	*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	4
HARRY CLARIDGE	2	JOSEPH GREGORY	5
ERIC CLARIDGE	3	WILFRED ROWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.
First peal by all the ringers in three methods. In memoriam Mr. George Gregory, an old ringer of Pelsall and father of conductor.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., August 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

MISS GWEN MURKITT ...	*Treble*	DAVID H. PEARCE	4
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK...	2	GORDON W. LIMMER ...	5
MISS FREDA D. MURKITT	3	GEORGE GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., August 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

S. GEORGE VESSEY	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BROWN ...	4
KENNETH W. MAYER ...	2	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ...	5
*PERCY HOLMES	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH S. B. CROFT.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal in the method as conductor. Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., August 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	R. FRANK BAKER	4
*EDMUND J. WHITING ...	2	CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	3	STANLEY GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Baker on their wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEAL

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., August 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two extents each of St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	5-6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
First peal in three Minor methods by all.

OUTINGS

CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE.

On August 7th, despite the fact of leaving the Railway Town, with its motto of 'Never Behind,' at the early hour of 5 a.m., the party were soon in difficulties on 'Our Railways,' and lost one hour between Crewe and Leicester and were late at the Midland Hotel, where breakfast had been provided; after which, trying to make up for lost time, the party took to the buses for Loughborough, where they were met by the genial Mr. Fidler and taken over the famous foundry of John Taylor and Co.

The 'Railway Engineer' Ringers were not long in displaying their engineering, bell-founding and hanging knowledge, having recently lifted, cleaned, re-oiled and generally overlooked their 'ten' at Christ Church, Crewe, which are at present going very well. The hour on the foundry light ring included a plain course of Mr. Fidler's 'Lightning' Treble Bob on the front six. After lunch ringing was resumed at the Parish Church of All Saints with its majestic ring of ten, tenor 30 cwt.; here the finest bit of ringing of the day was enjoyed, as much by those who heard it as those who rang it: a touch of well-struck Grandsire Caters.

Back to Leicester for tea and more ringing at St. Margaret's (12 bells, tenor 34 cwt., a vast difference to the foundry ring, tenor 6 cwt.). By 7 p.m. the party were ready for a bit of rest and quiet to talk over the day's events. The fact that the party consisted only of the Sunday service ringers rather 'cramped their range of methods,' which, however, included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cinques Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, and, so that no one should be left out, rounds.

We arrived home at 1.10 a.m.—not true to the railway and town's motto, but, as we began, one hour late; the moral is 'You can never catch up lost time.' A word of grateful thanks to Mr. 'Bill' Edge (organiser), Mr. Fidler and all who in every way helped to make the outing so thoroughly enjoyable. W. F. S.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

A tour of Kent was planned by the Hellingly ringers and friends for their first outing, held on August 14th. The first pull of the day was on Tenterden's eight, but the ringing did not do justice to this magnificent eight.

Ringing improved considerably at Hythe and a good Double Norwich beat was obtained. An hour's run brought Canterbury Cathedral into sight, where the majority of the company had their first pull on 12. A well-struck touch of Bob Major was rung on the back eight, also a course of Grandsire Caters among an abundance of rounds.

The last call was Biddenden, where a touch of Stedman, worthy of note and in the true Eastbourne style, was rung. Thanks for the day's success are due to Miss Relf and Mr. Edwards (Tenterden), Mr. Fright (Hythe), Mr. B. J. Luck (Canterbury) and Mr. Wright (Biddenden).

WISBECH.

Wisbech St. Peter's Church bellringers held their annual outing on August 9th, when they visited 10 churches in Northamptonshire, enjoying half an hour's ringing at each of them. They rang at Oundle, Tichmarsh, Thrapston, Kettering, Moulton, Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Wellingborough and St. Giles' Church, Northampton.

With the exception of Kettering and Northampton, all the churches visited had eight-bell towers.

In most cases the visitors were joined by local ringers, and ringing included the four standard methods and Little Bob.

At Northampton the party visited a theatre and saw Noel Coward's 'This Happy Breed.'

They arrived home at 1 a.m. the following morning.

Grandsire

The Snowdon Change Ringing Series has won such a great reputation in the Exercise that there must few ringers of any ability who do not owe much of their progress to a study of one or more of these text books. The reason for their pre-eminence among ringing books is not far to seek. When the ownership of other works on ringing has eventually passed out of the hands of practical ringers, the new owners have been content to issue reprints, regardless of the fact that much of their contents has become obsolete or out of date. Such books have, as a consequence, lost much of their early reputation. The owners of the Snowdon Series, originally the work of Jasper and William Snowdon, have, on the other hand, always found someone capable of re-writing and bringing up to date any one of their publications which has become out of print.

The late Mr. J. A. Trollope, who had already rewritten 'Stedman' and 'Standard Methods,' was busy on a new edition of 'Grandsire' during the last year of his life, but, unfortunately, he died before its completion. It is a tragic coincidence that the author of the first edition, Jasper Snowdon, who died in 1885, also left his work in manuscript form.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' do not need to be assured of Mr. Trollope's ability to write a text book on any aspect of change ringing. The new edition of 'Grandsire,' which is now offered to the Exercise, although not entirely his work, is exactly what he had originally planned.

The Grandsire method is one of the elements of change ringing and is nearly always the first to be taught to a beginner. It is essential, therefore, that a good text book on the method should not only be written so that it can be understood by the novice, but also that it should include some instruction in the fundamentals of change ringing generally. It deals fully with the method on five, seven and nine bells and gives a large number of touches and peals of Triples and Caters. It also contains instruction in the simple pricking of changes, in and out of course rows, Q sets and their use, etc. Further indication of its contents will be seen in some of the chapter headings. For Triples—Conducting; Calling the Bells Round; Holt's Original; Composition and Proof. For Caters—Development of Composition; Arrangement of the Larger Bells; Proof. There is a short chapter on Cinques and the book ends with a history of the method, about which none is more qualified to write than the author.

Mr. Trollope has not given us an exhaustive treatise on the method. To do so would fill a book many times the size of this edition. But he has explained enough to enable the reader to follow the various problems involved and to work out for himself his own particular difficulties. 'Grandsire' consists of 130 pages and costs 3s. 4d. post free. We are confident that purchasers will receive full value for their money and will be grateful to Miss Margaret Snowdon for making such a book available to the Exercise at such a low cost.

E. C. S. T. and W. G.W.

TWO SCARBOROUGHS

Ringers of St. Mary's, Scarborough, Yorkshire, have received from the Meneeley Bell Company, Troy, N.Y., on behalf of the Rev. Charles W. Baldwin, Rector of St. Mary's, Scarborough, N.Y., a request to be supplied 'with some of the changes that are played on your bells so that he may duplicate those here in this country.'

Mr. Bert Sutton, secretary of the Yorkshire church, proposes to send them the Central Council's publications, Method Sheet, Stedman and Grandsire. He would welcome other suggestions.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, F. Cole 2, G. Latham 3, B. Latham 4, Rev. Carew Cox 5, R. Thain 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, R. Sharpe 8.

University of London Society

THE YORKSHIRE TOUR.

The third annual ringing week of the University of London Society was held in Yorkshire during the first week of August. Nineteen members and two guests completely filled the small hotel in Ilkley at which they were staying, and many enjoyable evenings were spent in handbell ringing and song. The intensive committee work put in by the officers of the Society on adjacent premises, with the assistance of co-opted members, led to the expression of fear that the Society was going into liquidation, but these happily proved groundless!

There was ringing at a score of churches and three cathedrals—Bradford, Ripon and York—during the week. Progress in the art was made by all, even the most advanced ringing some new method from the diagrams at the back of the booklet. This latter was a notable feature of the tour. Instead of the normal list of places and times, a complete programme, with maps, street plans, and notes on the history and points of interest of every church and tower, and even train times to and from London, was provided.

On three days a coach was hired and the radius of operations extended to about 30 miles through some very fine scenery. Malhamdale was particularly interesting; the magnificently unringable three at Kirby Malham provided an unforgettable sight as the 'great men' of the Society, who turned in the heaviest tenors with ease, struggled hard in 'quick' and 'slow' sixes. The inn nearby, formerly owned by the church and run by the churchwardens, was very welcome.

The trip to Wharfedale and Wensleydale, and back through Ripon, was also of great interest. The climax of the week, however, was the ringing at York Minster, the third heaviest twelve in the world. The Society has now rung at the metropolitan cathedrals of both English provinces, having joined the regular ringers in their practice at Canterbury Cathedral during last year's tour. Before ringing at York the party had the privilege and pleasure of being taken round the Minster and Chapter House by the Dean.

The other days included moorland walks, reminiscent in parts of the more strenuous training found in the Army. The well-known straggling propensities of a dawdle of ringers' were guarded against by putting all the lunches in two haversacks, which were kept in sight by even the least energetic. In spite of the energy expended on Monday and Wednesday mornings, peals were scored on both afternoons, Little Bob Royal at Bradford and London Surprise Major at Ilkley. The latter was, appropriately, the first in the method by any university society.

Besides the many fine rings of bells in Yorkshire, there are many things which will long be associated in memory with the tour. Some are perhaps of greater gymnastic than campanological interest, particularly the unprovoked ju-jitsu displays by the women; but the ceremony of 'tossing the president' appears likely to become traditional. One member is said to continue conducting in his sleep; his room-mate managed, however, to snatch a little rest during the long courses—a habit he shows signs of extending to the tower. The sight of another member drinking water is also memorable, and may account for the drought notices displayed in Leeds.

Our thanks are due to all our Yorkshire friends for their hospitality P. R. L.

EYNSHAM, OXON. — On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Castelle (first quarter) 1, T. Bond 2, Miss J. F. Winterbourne 3, C. G. Calcuft (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, C. W. Bond 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS. — On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, H. Piggins 3, S. Haw (first quarter 'inside') 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, W. Storey 6, F. Moyes 7, F. Wigmore 8, H. Means (cond.) 9, W. Freeman 10.

NOTICES

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IN MEMORIAM

Robert E. Stavert, killed in action, France, August 25th, 1918. Bertram Prewett, killed in action, France, August 31st, 1918.—Members of 'The Bushey Society,' Herts. 3971

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

LLANDUDNO.—'Plas Madoc,' where a homely welcome awaits you and your holiday happiness enhanced with the beauty of Wales in the autumn. Vacancies September onwards.—E. R. Williams (phone 6514). 3887

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3 Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

BACK NUMBERS. — A limited number of back numbers for most issues of 1946 and 1947 are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Any ringers coming up next term are invited to contact Mr. V. J. Benning, 15, Freemantle Road, Belvedere, Kent.—Peter R. Blackman, Hon. Sec. 3995

MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Kirbymoorside (6 bells), Saturday, Aug. 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —Edward Hudson, District Secretary. 3923

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District.—Saturday, Aug. 28th, at Haverhill (6), 3 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea provided 5.15 in Church Room. More support desired.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 3915

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Hothfield (6), Aug. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own tea.—T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 3960

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Great Gransden, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 3944

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Salford Priors (8) on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at 3 p.m. • Please bring your own tea. Good attendance, please!—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 3947

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 28th, Windsor, 3 to 4. Old Windsor 6. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 3946

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Brentford on Saturday, Aug. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and important business to follow.—F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 3957

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Eckington, Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea. 3958

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch. — Norton Subcourse, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea after. Please inform G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, names or number for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st.—J. Harwood, 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 3942

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—CRUSADERS OF S.W. DIVISION.—Meeting at Chigwell Row (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th, at 3 p.m. A meeting for learners, rounds upwards, everybody welcome; arrangements made for tea. Frequent bus service from Ilford or Barking or Central London Line to Gant's Hill, thence by bus.—F. V. Gant. 3941

KENT COUNTY (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS (N.W. District).—Combined meeting at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) not later than Aug. 28th to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 3956

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s.6d. per head. It is essential that those who require tea must inform Mr. H. R. French, Lamorbey, School Hill, Sturry, Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3951

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Llanbradach, Saturday Sept. 4th. Bells 12 noon. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 3980

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Cadoxton (6), near Neath, Sept. 4th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The by-meeting at Brenchley is cancelled owing to a defect in the bells. A meeting will be held instead at Leigh (6) on Sept. 4th at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 3965

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newton Longville on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks. 3945

RUPERT RICHARDSON MEMORIAL TABLETS.—The dedication of the above tablets will take place at Surfleet on Saturday, Sept. 4th, at a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Tea for only those who obtain a ticket from Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, before Aug. 28th. 3966

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting, Bodelwyddan, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 3. Meeting and tea to follow. Please notify for tea before Sept. 2nd.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 3968

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 3950

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting, Powerstock, Sept. 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow only if notified.—C. H. Lathey. 3970

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service and tea.—W. Sidwell, Branch Sec. 3969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 4th, St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 3s. per head to those who notify Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, by Sept. 1st. Make it a good meeting.—J. Burns. 3976

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3975

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Third quarterly meeting, Balcombe, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3982

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury District.—Meeting at Downton, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury. 3979

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Holbrook, Stutton and Harkstead, Sept. 4th. Tea 5 at Holbrook. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. District Secretary, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3988

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Meeting, Longparish, Sept. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Rev. T. Marsden. 3987

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 4. Business meeting 6.30 in belfry. Cups of tea provided.—V. Wilson Sykes. 3986

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow (6) on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 3983

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne, Sept. 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 3992

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's (R.C.) and St. John's, Lytham, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting, Morecambe, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea 4.30, business after. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, to H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 3993

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Trowell, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Thornley, jun., 12, Peatfield Road, Stapleford, Notts by Wednesday, Sept. 1st. 3991

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest, Thrvburgh, Sept. 4th, 3. For tea notify Mr. H. Beeden, Enderley, Doncaster Road, Thrvburgh, near Rotherham, by Sept. 2nd.—H. Chaddock. 3989

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Sept. 6th. Practice meeting 7.15 p.m. Also first Monday each month. Everyone welcome. — H. W. Rogers, Sec. 3994

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, East Budleigh, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 3981

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. Note change of tower for this meeting from Ulcombe owing to condition of bells. 3925

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tenby (8), Sept. 11th, 2. Service 3.30. For tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 3973

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haworth, near Keighley, 'The Home of the Brontes,' on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Tea 5, 2s. per head. Apply Mr. A. Bairstow, 33, Main Street, Haworth, before Sept. 8th. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3972

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh District. — Meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Corner Shop 5 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by Sept. 6th.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 3984

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS. — Preliminary. — Annual dinner at Worcester, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tickets (6s. each) shortly available from Branch and General Secs. Early application, please.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec. 3959

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, H. Foulger 2, R. Simmonds 3, D. Rowlands 4, J. W. Banks 5, F. Buckle 6. Half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. H. Lipscomb (Vicar).

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HOPE IN ABERGAVENNY

ABERGAVENNY is one of the chief market towns of Monmouthshire. In the future it will be one of the ringing centres for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, for on August 9th a fine ring of ten bells was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth. The town lies surrounded by magnificent mountains, and is very well disposed for travel access. It is indeed fitting that it should possess what must now be one of the finest rings of ten in the country.

The Priory Church of St. Mary is an old Benedictine Church. The tower is a central one, and the present ringing chamber was once part of the old lantern tower. The former ring of eight bells was badly in need of attention, and recently Abergavenny and district responded magnificently to the appeal made, and over £300 has been raised for rehanging the bells and restoring the tower. The old seventh has been preserved, but the other bells were recast and three new ones added to give a ring of ten with tenor nearly 26 cwt. John Taylor and Co. have again excelled themselves. The old louvres will be completely blocked, and a special structure in the tower roof has been built to allow exit for the sound.

It will be some time before Abergavenny will be able to sport a Caters band, but the enthusiasm is there. The whole Exercise will wish them every success, and will hope that their ring will be a centre for the Exercise in the neighbourhood.

After the imposing service of rededication, during which the local band rang rounds on the bells for the first time, visiting ringers sampled the new ring, and everyone present had at least rounds. Courses of Grandsire Caters were brought round, and everyone was very impressed by the mellow grandeur of this new addition to our Art.

B. D. P.

A LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR

Peals rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 25 cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	2	JACK THOMPSON	6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	4	JOHN J. MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

First of Surprise as conductor. First of Cambridge Major on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sun., Aug. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Parker's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*NEVILLE MOYES ...	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	5
JOHN J. MORRIS	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
†HAROLD KILBY	3	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	7
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	4	JACK THOMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major and first of Major 'inside.'

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHARLES MARSHALL	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	5
JACK THOMPSON	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
*ALAN CATTELL	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
*JOHN J. MORRIS	4	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal of Major rung on these bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS ...	*Treble*	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ...	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
MISS MARGARET BEAMISH	4	JACK THOMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

First of New Cambridge on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Beamish on their 17th wedding anniversary. Tenor 12 cwt.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	*NEVILLE MOYES	4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	2	ALAN CATTELL	5
HAROLD KILBY	3	ERNEST MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

A CORNISH TOUR

The following peals were rung for the Truro Diocesan Guild during a ringing holiday in Cornwall.

CARBIS BAY.

On Sat., July 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. BLAKEY	*Treble*	CYRIL E. LANXON	5
*REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	2	REGINALD W. REX ...	6
JOAN E. WITHEY	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	4	VIVIAN E. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 75th peal together. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 9½ cwt.

TOWEDNACK.

On Sun., Aug. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBAN R. POYNTZ ...	*Treble*	*CYRIL E. LANXON... ...	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	REGINALD W. REX ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	4	ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First in the method in the county and for the Guild. First peal on the eight bells. In memoriam Hugh Dunstan, donor of the two trebles. Tenof 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

GULVAL.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MARIE R. CROSS ...	*Treble*	†NOEL J. DISERENS ...	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	2	ALBERT DISERENS ...	6
*JOAN E. WITHEY	3	REGINALD W. REX ...	7
CYRIL E. LANXON	4	ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. A birthday peal for the ringer of the treble. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HELSTON.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ALBERT DISERENS	5
*MRS. A. DISERENS ...	2	*CYRIL E. LANXON ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	REGINALD W. REX ...	7
NOEL J. DISERENS ...	4	ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

ST. BUDOCK.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BUDOCUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MARIE R. CROSS ...	*Treble*	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	5
MRS. A. DISERENS ...	2	ALBAN R. POYNTZ	6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
JOAN E. WITHEY	4	REGINALD W. REX ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

First peal on the bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

TRURO.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*MARIE R. CROSS ...	*Treble*	‡CYRIL E. LANXON	6
ALBERT DISERENS	2	*REGINALD W. REX ...	7
†NOEL J. DISERENS ...	3	*REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	8
*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM...	4	§THOMAS G. MYERS ...	9
*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	5	ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Oxford Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal in the method and of Treble Bob Royal. § First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal in the method in the county and for the Guild.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

H. JAMES TURNER	*Treble*	JAMES F. HARVEY	7
JOHN THOMAS	2	ALBERT WALKER	8
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	9
JOHN PINFOLD	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6	LEONARD TREVOR ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	*Treble*	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
†KATHLEEN TILLEY	2	‡THOMAS H. FRANCIS	8
JILL POOLE	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	COLIN HARRISON	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Maximus. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 11th upon their engagement.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., August 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	WALTER ALLWOOD	6
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	‡FREDERICK A. ADAMS	7
CYRIL WRIGHT	3	HAROLD KENT	8
*PAMELA J. LEANING	4	JOSEPH SAXTON	9
†SAM SCATTERGOOD	5	G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by G. GORDON GRAHAM.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal. First peal on ten tower bells as conductor. Rung for the George Stevenson centenary celebrations.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	GORDON HARRISON	7
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	†SIDNEY H. JONES	8
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE	4	GEORGE L. RODEN	9
ERNEST MORRIS	5	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. 75th peal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON	*Treble*	C. K. LEWIS	6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	J. WORTH	7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON	3	CHARLES W. LAWTON	8
FRANCES LAFLIN	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
ALAN A. POTTS	5	J. W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. WORTH.
Rung for the silver wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Clarke in place of the false peal rung on July 17th, 1948.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT DERBY CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN F. WILKINSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. PARSONS	6
JACK BAILEY	2	DENNIS R. CARLISLE	7
†WILFRED H. BUXTON	3	*HAROLD TAYLOR	8
‡JOHN W. GLEW	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	9
WILLIAM LANCASTER	5	*ARTHUR TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.
* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ 75th peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the ringers of 2 and 4, and first for the Association. Birthday compliment to Mr. W. Lancaster, general secretary of the Association. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*EDWARD SANDERS	*Treble*	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
JOAN E. WITHEY	3	ALBERT DISERENS	7
MRS. A. DISERENS	4	CYRIL E. LANXON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the wedding of Mr. W. J. Sanders, captain of the local band and son of the treble ringer, to Miss J. P. Vinson. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., August 12, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STOCKPORT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	C. K. LEWIS	5
ALAN POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH WITTAKER	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, whose method has now been rung for the first time. This method is No. 299 in Corrigan's Collection of Surprise Methods.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES SMART	*Treble*	ALBERT J. ADAMS	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN	6
JILL BRITTAIN	3	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY	7
GEORGE MARRINER	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
First peal in the method by all the band and rung without previous practice.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Six-part No. 5. Tenor 13⅜ cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
KENNETH L. BROWN	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
THOMAS SIMMONS	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MRS. E. F. SALMONS	*Treble*	ERNEST F. SALMONS	5
*MISS HAZEL DALE	2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
CHARLES E. BASSETT	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of London. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MISS EVELYN WRIGHT	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BROWN	5
MISS JEAN METHAM	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
CYRIL WARD	3	NOEL E. CHAMBERS	7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all the band and in the tower. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	REGINALD A. REED	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	FRANK CORKE	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HERBERT W. IMPEY	7
*ALBERT R. G. TWINN	4	THOMAS G. BANNISTER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by T. G. BANNISTER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ARTHUR R. FOWKES	*Treble*	†THOMAS W. WHEAT	5
*T. VERNON JENNISON	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	W. NEVILLE BROWN	7
FREDERICK PICKARD	4	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Arthur C. M. Smith to Miss Margaret Nancy Neville.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	*Treble*	*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	*JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the hon. secretary of the Guild, Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *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. 8 lb. in D.

JANET MATTINSON	*Treble*	ALFRED H. PULLING	5
*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
HAROLD A. MAY	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal. Rung on the eve of the third anniversary of the end of the war.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*BERNARD MADELEY	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
FREDERICK PRICE	2	ALAN M. HICKMAN	6
*ROBERT H. TYLER	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
*DAVID H. ANSTEY	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, HOLBORN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
MISS MABEL PROCKSON	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
GEORGE M. KILBY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
In memoriam Ernest Reginald Moore, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, also William Pakenham Cole Sheane, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham, Prebendary of St. Paul's and president of this Association. Rung half-muffled.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	JOHN SCOTT	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
CYRIL VALENTINE	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOHN W. BEST	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
JAMES S. WEBB	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	*HERBERT A. MITCHELL	5
*ROY C. HURST	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

THOMAS W. TOMLINSON	*Treble*	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
HAROLD F. WOOD	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
In celebration of Princess Margaret's 18th birthday.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. ANDREWS	*Treble*	*ROY DEWSBURY	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	6
*GEORGE N. ORMAN	3	†GEORGE A. BUTTON	7
†ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	4	GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BRADWELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., August 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 5 six-scores of Stedman, 4 of Plain Bob, 3 of April Day, 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

THOMAS C. WALTERS	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MAY	4
*ENID J. WHITLOCK	2	J. EDWARD WHITLOCK	5
WILLIAM FRENCH	3	*FRANK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD WHITLOCK.
* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. Rung on St. Lawrence's Day for the golden wedding of the treble ringer and Mrs. Walters.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. net.

MARGARET A. PAWLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. DRURY	4
I. ANTHONY FLINT	2	CECIL E. CARR	5
JOHN R. FLINT	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung for the patronal festival and the diamond jubilee of Miss M. Hunt as organist at this church.

QUARTER PEALS

BLANKNEY, LINCS.—At the Church of St. Oswald, on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. King 1, Miss E. Wright 2, B. T. Phalp 3, R. G. Crosland 4, R. E. Manton (cond.) 5, J. W. Moore 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Aug. 21st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: H. Longland (first quarter) 1, W. Thorpe 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, A. W. Ward 4, W. Kirton 5, B. Box 6, W. Creasey 7, P. C. R. Woods 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — At St. Paul's on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Foster 1, N. Brain 2, H. Harrison 3, W. J. Leach 4, A. Foster 5, G. Harrison 6, G. L. Roden (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. J. White 8, L. Chamberlain 9. Rung with 8.9 covering.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, D. Coombes 2, P. Francis 3, M. Sinden (first of Triples as cond.) 4, R. Jarvis 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, F. J. Lewis 4, C. J. Gardner 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, Rev. C. C. Cox 7, H. W. Bishop 8, E. J. Berry 9, W. H. Trueman 10, T. Townsend 11, W. H. Hayward 12. First on 12 bells by 1, 2, 3, 9 and 11.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss F. Clayton 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie 3, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart (first in the method) 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (first in the method as cond.) 7, W. Wenban 8. In memoriam Michael Mortlock, who was drowned at Littlehampton while trying to rescue boy in difficulties.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, at St. Andrew's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Peacock 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, G. L. Dye (Fakenham, Norfolk) 3, C. E. Wright 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, H. T. Wilson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. J. Freestone 8. First in method 3.

KEYSOE, BEDS. — On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Stapleton 1, N. D. Smith 2, F. W. Lack (cond.) 3, B. F. Sims 4, A. Stapleton 5. In memoriam Mrs. Weston, wife of the Vicar.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob); D. Beveridge 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, G. W. Pipe 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, G. C. Briggs 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. B. Crawford 1, Miss G. Burchnall 2, F. Jackson 3, Miss K. Burchnall 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, H. Willows 6. For the 40th wedding anniversary of the Rev. F. W. H. Jessup and Mrs. Jessup.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Tiller 1, R. Marlow 2, R. E. Tiller 3, L. Harris 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, C. Drayson 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 4.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Plummer 1, Keith Haslem 2, Paul Williams (first quarter) 3, Edward Large 4, Harry Haslem 5, H. James Turner 6, Norman J. Goodman (cond.) 7, Frank Walters 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Robson 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, H. Spencer 3, J. Bullock 4, S. L. Parry 5, J. Brothwell 6, B. Sutton 7, G. Beach 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 6 and 8.

SHAW, BERKS. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. F. Deacon 1, E. A. Palmer 2, F. E. Turner (first inside) 3, H. T. E. Curtis 4, H. W. Curtis (cond.) 5, E. Kimber 6. Golden wedding peal for Mr. G. Payne, chorister at Shaw Church for 55 years.

WEST MALLING, KENT. — On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Baker 1, P. C. Wright 2, Miss V. Wallis 3, Miss E. Sills (first of Triples) 4, C. Mills 5, L. Wells 6, F. P. Wright (cond.) 7, A. Chapman 8.

MR. E. JENKINS' 500 PEALS

Maximus. — Cambridge Surprise, *11 (conducted 4); Oxford Treble Bob, 2 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 10 (1); Plain Bob, 1 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman, 12 (2).

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise, 27 (20); New Cambridge Surprise, 3 (3); Yorkshire Surprise, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 3 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 15 (5); Plain Bob, 1.

Caters.—Stedman 15 (2).

Major. — London Surprise, 30 (27); Bristol Surprise, 10 (7); Cambridge Surprise, 106 (75); Superlative Surprise, †56 (27); Yorkshire Surprise, 9 (5); Rutland Surprise, 2 (2); Belgrave Surprise, 2 (2); Clarendon Surprise, 1 (1); Pudsey Surprise, 1 (1); Ipswich Surprise, 1 (1); New Cambridge Surprise, 7 (3); Rochester Surprise, 1 (1); Double Norwich C. Bob, 59 (32); Kent Treble Bob, 17 (8); Oxford Treble Bob, ‡17 (9); Little Bob, 2 (1); Plain Bob, 20 (13); Forward, 1 (1).

Triples.—Stedman, 11; Grandsire, 5.

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise, 1 (1); Double Court, 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob, 1 (1); Oxford Treble Bob, 3 (3); Plain Bob, 2 (1); Seven methods, 11 (7); Five methods, 2 (2); Four methods, 3 (1); Three methods, 5 (4).

Doubles.—Two methods, 1 (1).

Handbells.—Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 1 (1); Little Bob, 2 (2). Major: Kent Treble Bob, 1 (1); Little Bob, 1 (1); Double Bob, 1 (1); Reversed Bob, 1 (1); Spliced Ditto and Plain, 1 (1); Plain Bob, 3 (3). Total, 500 (conducted 291).

* Including 15,312 record. † Including 11,232 record conducted from working bell. ‡ Including 17,824 record, also conducted from working bell. Rung in 204 towers in 36 counties in 4 countries for 23 different societies and with 516 different ringers.

WHITBY, YORKS. — On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, H. G. Hart 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, A. V. Coates 4, H. Waters 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (first as cond.) 7, J. Hodgson (first quarter) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Among the quaint churches is Brooklands, Kent, with its tower (a spire) detached from the main building and resembling an Eastern pagoda. Here are five heavy going bells with a 14 cwt. tenor. The absence of a floor between bells and ringers makes the noise terrific. The 840 Grandsire Doubles rung on August 12th by the following is said to be the longest length on the bells: J. L. Morris 1, Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe 2, A. J. Cannon (cond.) 3, C. W. Pipe 4, F. C. W. Knight 5.

Mr. W. Arthur Riddington has 'completed the circle' of Countesthorpe, Leics.

Birthday peals to Princess Margaret were rung at Netherton, Worcs., Bishopstoke, Hants, Warnham, Sussex, Norwich and Manchester.

Mr. Alfred Ballard went to Bournemouth to complete his peals 'in hand' of Kent Treble Bob. He has now rung from Minor to Maximus.

After a lengthy stand off under doctor's orders, Sidney O. Cheney, Leicester Cathedral band, makes a welcome reappearance in the peal columns, with the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Loughborough.

It is something new to ring a peal of Doubles at Manchester Town Hall. The team consisted of five members of Manchester City Police and P.C. Hardisty, of Salford City Police. The fact that there were five first peals speaks well for the Police Guild's instructors. The peal was rung on Aug. 21st.

In place of the false peal rung on July 17th, 1948, at Christ Church, Macclesfield, in honour of the silver wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Clarke, a true peal was rung on August 14th. The band wish to associate Messrs. W. Gayes and J. Fernley with this peal, as they stood in the false peal.

A query has been placed against the claim of the Oxford ringers at Trowbridge to have rung the first course of Cambridge Maximus at Trowbridge. The suggestion is that the late William Pye called a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Trowbridge very soon after they were augmented to 12.

Mr. T. C. Belton, a Leicestershire ringer, has named his two spaniel puppies 'Major' and 'Minor.' He is in the centre of the hunting country.

Attendance at the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild at Newton Abbot last week included ringers from Rochdale, Lancashire.

Barwell, Leics., have elected three new members to their band, bringing the strength of the company to 17. Eight are subscribers to 'The Ringing World.' The band are now practising Double Norwich.

At a meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held recently at Beedon, members stood in silence in memory of Albert Smith, of Thatcham, who had been a ringer for 60 years, foreman of Thatcham tower for 20 years and a branch representative for several years; also for William Smith, a member of Newbury tower.

Anxious moments were experienced by those taking part in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Silk Willoughby, Leics., on August 16th. Before starting it was found necessary to splice the treble rope. Half-way through the peal the rope of the third started to shower pieces at an alarming rate. The hair of 16-year-old John H. Smith, at ordinary times jet black, looked as if he was having a 'perm.' By a miracle the rope did not snap and smiling faces greeted 'That is all.'

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IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND

AN AMBITIOUS KENT TOUR

One of the most ambitious ringing tours, combining not only peal attempts, but organised 'tower grabbing.' was held with Folkestone as headquarters from August 7th to 14th.

Those of us who have travelled on previous 'Knight's Tours' will acknowledge this to be the most successful yet, and months of preparation and the writing of more than two hundred and fifty letters by the organiser, Frank C. W. Knight, were amply rewarded by the success of the venture and the quality of the ringing.

The party numbered 32, including the coach driver, who after his third ringing week is now a recognised member of the party. It was regretted that owing to indisposition Mr. Cecil Ebberson was this year unable to be present, and the familiar figure of the Shepherd with his rule was also missed. We were pleased to have with us that veteran peal ringer, Mr. George Newton, as well as Leslie Wightman and the talented Pipe family.

By the time the writer had caught up with the party at Birchington on the Monday, already five out of six peal attempts had been scored, and the sixth—Double Norwich at Birchington—was in the safe hands of Arthur Tomlinson. Elham, which had defied three previous attempts by tourists, and the heavy going tenor at Lyminge—a tough job at any time—had fallen at the first onslaught, and only at Hythe had Cambridge Major been lost through a shift course half way.

CAMBRIDGE THE FAVOURITE.

Cambridge—the favourite method of the week—was knocked off in fine style on one of the best eights in the county on Monday morning, a good start for the week. A true story was told the writer some years ago concerning this grand octave. The late Canon Helmore, who was prejudiced against iron bell frames on the grounds that they adversely affected the tone of the bells, was listening to this fine ring and remarked to the then captain, Mr. Arthur Saxby, they wouldn't have sounded half so good in an iron frame. The late captain had not the heart to enlighten the Canon, and since he was physically unable to ascend the vertical ladder to the bells, he was spared the shock of learning that the bells are hung in an iron frame.

Cambridge was also selected for the two 'left-handed' rings at New Romney and Tenterden, the latter being the heaviest octave in the county. Opinions on these bells are diverse—one veteran of the party considered them the best bells visited during the week—another applied for inclusion in the High Halden peal purposely to get away from the sound of them. A non-ringer was heard enquiring for the iron foundry as he had heard a lot of anvils, and the opinion of mine host of the nearby hostelry, who threatened to fetch his gun, left no room for doubt. At Tenterden the party were joined by Mr. Fred Macey, a well-known figure in Kent ringing circles, who had come specially to meet Mr. George Newton after 30 years.

THE FAILURES.

Failures were few, and of these, St. Peter's in Thanet (Broadstairs), on the Thursday morning, was the most disappointing—especially for youthful George Pipe ringing the second faultlessly, and for the conductor, Mark Lancefield, attempting his first peal of Cambridge as conductor. As Middleton's peal had already been rung several times on the tour, the conductor decided at the last moment to call a 5,156, and when only three leads from home down came the second rope. Had the conductor called Middleton's or even had the 'tower grabbers' ringing prior to the peal been curtailed, the probability is that the rope would have held out until the peal had been scored. However, an extra attempt was arranged for the Saturday at Chilham with the same band apart from the treble 'man' and successfully brought round on bells which are more pleasing to ring and to listen to, for whereas St. Peter's bells are irritatingly quiet, Chilham's are comfortably loud and lend themselves both to speeding and to 'tapping.'

While the peal attempt at St. Peter's was in progress, four of the party attempted a peal 'in hand' in the vestry, but owing to excessive 'speeding' this came to grief about half way. According to an authority in the party, had the peals been successful it would have been the first time that two peals had been rung simultaneously in the one church, but as neither was successful presumably it may have been the first time two peals have been lost simultaneously in one church.

It was also a disappointment that after three hours' good ringing Kent Treble Bob was lost at Lydd through one of those unaccountable occurrences in peal ringing—be it a premature call through over anxiety on the part of the conductor or the usual fatigue after three hours' ringing when the band may not be so alert. The most surprised and chagrined were the various conductors outside the tower, hearing the peal 'going to pieces,' yet impotent to prevent it.

Since the tourists visited Lydd two years ago the church has been re-roofed after its direct hit, which happily missed the tower—a landmark for miles on Romney Marsh—and left its excellent octave unimpaired, but as a gesture and an appreciation of the privilege of ringing there, at the suggestion of Jim Pipe a collection was made towards the restoration fund, and the sum of £2 15s. handed to the church authorities.

BROOKLANDS' NOISY FIVE.

While the Lydd attempt was in progress the remainder of the party had visited the unique belfry at Brooklands with its noisy ring of five in the minor scale. This tower is, in fact, a wooden spire built on the ground independently of the church, and there is only one very inadequate floor between the ringers and the bells, and the only opening for light is the one doorway. An attempted quarter-peal came adrift through a rope slipping its wheel, and those not taking part derived entertainment listening to the bobs being yelled by Pat Cannon—it was possible to take down the calling from across the road, not by listening to the bells, but by listening to the conductor from outside the tower. During the ringing two motor-coaches of visitors called at the church, and as the occupants all took it in turn to stand in the doorway, thus completely shutting out the light, it was not surprising that the conductor threatened to commit murder before the day was out.

The visitors would like to express their appreciation of the many privileges afforded them during a memorable week, notably among these the opportunity to ring at Quex Park, the privileges of mid-week peals at Dover and at Ashford, the lavish hospitality shown by the captain of the Dover ringers, Mr. Charles Turner, and sincere thanks are due to all the various incumbents and towerkeepers for permission to ring and in many cases for meeting the visitors.

Special mention should be made of two of Frank C. W. Knight's pupils from the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, J. L. Morris, age 12, and J. H. Arlet, age 13, who scored creditable peals during the week. Both 'started from scratch' only last September, while congratulations are due to D. J. Charnley, of Isleworth, who at his first attempt at conducting called his own original composition of Bob Major.

On the Saturday, when the company assembled for the last time, Mr. George Newton, before leaving to return to his duties at Liverpool Cathedral, expressed on behalf of the company the grateful thanks and appreciation of the organiser's efforts and congratulated him on the success of his work and presented him with a tobacco pouch, pipe, lighter and cigarette case.

Departure time came all too soon, but at least one member of the party has applied for inclusion in the next tour.

R. H. DOVE.

Dedication

ABERGAVENNY HAS NOW TEN.

After a silence of over two years, the bells of St. Mary's, Abergavenny, were rung on August 9th at the dedication of the ring of ten by the Bishop of Monmouth. The scheme has cost £4,125 and includes recasting seven of the old bells and casting three additional bells. Alterations have also been made to the tower to enable the sound of the bells to be carried over the countryside.

The church was crowded to capacity for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon M. E. Davies). In the course of his address the Bishop said:—

'I am glad to say that in this diocese, as well as I suppose, every diocese throughout the land, there is a noticeable increase in the interest which people take in the English art of bellringing.

'A number of rings have already been recast, additions made to some of them and new bells provided. I am told that young people—even young girls—are taking with special enthusiasm to the practice of this remarkable art, and that the older ones have come back to it with increased enthusiasm because of the enforced rest from their activity during the war.

'I rather think I saw in the congregation someone who has quite a special record of bellringing in this diocese, and except for those years of enforced inactivity during the war, has been ringing church bells here for more than 50 years, and in his ripe old age is passing on his knowledge, skill and enthusiasm to the younger folk, who will go on ringing church bells when God has called him to rest.'

Referring to the prayer for 'those who shall ring these bells that they may be filled with reverence and godly fear,' the Bishop remarked that in times past this very much needed to be said. 'It is a rather peculiar thing,' he continued 'that those who rang church bells very frequently, having finished their ringing to summon the people to God's house, walked away and took no further interest in the public worship that was being offered. It always seems a strange fact that they should gladly give of their time and energy to summon people to church and not feel any desire themselves to join with the people they have summoned in the worship of Almighty God.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A ringers' service, with special psalms, hymns and prayers, was held at All Saints', Kington Magna, on August 13th, to commemorate the tercentenary of the fourth of the five bells, which was cast in the year 1648. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung.

Psalm 150 was sung to the accompaniment of organ, violin and handbells, all played by the local ringers, one of whom played the opening voluntary and read the second lesson. The hymns were accompanied on handbells by visiting ringers from Childe Okeford, who also rang changes in standard methods after the Magnificat and at the close of the sermon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector and general sec. of the Guild.

Leicestershire Tour

The suggestion that a body of ringers should make a tour of a few of the towers in Leicestershire during August Bank Holiday Week very quickly gained favour. Much ground had to be covered in the ten remaining days previous to Saturday, July 31st—towers contacted in addition to ringers.

Finally, however, a programme was drawn up and it was on Saturday, July 31st, an attempt was made for Stedman Caters on the lovely ring at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Some really good ringing was evident from the word 'go,' and the standard set was maintained for three hours and ten minutes, then, alas! the tenor rope, after shedding 'much of its coat,' was in two parts with the gallant Allan Cattell clutching the short end.

Indeed, such luck could not remain. Some of the band that were scheduled for Melton Mowbray, after taking a quick lunch, found themselves at the wrong end of a long string of people endeavouring to get to Melton Mowbray. It was not until 3 o'clock that the party were able to get mobile; such delay consequently had tragic reverses upon their arrival, as Mr. Burley P. Morris and Mr. Ernest Whitmore were reluctantly compelled to withdraw from the attempt owing to the time of departure from Leicester of their last train to Kettering. Making the most of the next three hours and twenty-two minutes, the remaining eight were successful in scoring Cambridge Major. A word of praise is due to Mr. J. J. Morris for the manner in which he rang the tenor, and who, although severely 'blistered,' stuck fo his guns or at least the 25 cwt. above him.

The band were indeed sorry to learn that Mr. Ted Whitehead, with his daughter Mavis as pillion passenger, had met with an accident on the outskirts of Melton Mowbray, which was to result in Mavis (who stood in the Caters) spending the night in the War Memorial Hospital with a very badly cut knee.

On Sunday, the very nice ring of eight at Gilmorton provided the second victory with another peal of Cambridge and in which two members scored 'firsts.'

The grand ring of eight at Sileby was visited on the following morning, but unfortunately the attempt for another peal of Cambridge was brought to a conclusion after one hour and eighteen minutes.

With Mount Sorrel programmed for the afternoon, the whole band, after 'some' had taken refreshments, set out on foot and arrived in time for a 3.30 p.m. start. This light ring was perfectly struck for two hours and fifteen minutes, and then a second—alas! not the rope this time, but the gallant Cattell himself was compelled to give in through feeling unwell.

On Tuesday morning Enderby provided the next tower, and a really well-struck peal of Double Norwich was brought round after two hours and a thirty-two minutes, the quickest peal of Major yet rung on these bells.

The afternoon of Tuesday saw some of the Enderby band en route for Earl Shilton, where Cambridge Major was again successful.

Wednesday was a comparatively easy day, for it was not until 6 o'clock that St. Andrew's, Countesthorpe, with its grand ring of six, was to be visited. The band was again successful with Cambridge; the peal enabled Mr. W. A. Riddington to complete the circle. Thursday was to be a holiday, but not according to programme; the 'few' were compelled to take the day off as the number could not be made up to visit Barwell.

Loughborough Parish Church was visited on the following day, but the attempt for Cambridge Royal was unsuccessful after an hour's ringing.

To complete and really crown all endeavours a long handbell peal was attempted on the Saturday in St. Margaret's belfry, and the success of this provided a record for the Leicester Guild.

Ringing Week in W. Cornwall

West Cornwall was again the target area for eleven enthusiasts on their ringing holiday during the first week in August. A peal a day plus at least one tower 'snatch' was the aim and in spite of the travel difficulties in this rather scattered area the week was most successful.

The last member of the party arrived at H.Q. at Carbis Bay in the late afternoon of Saturday, July 31st, and within the hour the bells went off into the first peal. Discouragement from the powers-that-be was ignored, for the method chosen was Plain Bob Triples and everyone agreed that the music produced was quite pleasant.

For Sunday service ringing the visitors assisted at Carbis Bay, and in the afternoon they travelled into the heart of the pixie country for a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major at Towednack. The inside of this tower is very small for a belfry and strange things happened during the peal. One well-known ringer suddenly tried to ring the lamp hanging in the middle of the circle and another's rope twice became 'pisky-laden' and she had to dance around the belfry in pursuit! Nevertheless, a good peal was rung in memory of the late Mr. Hugh Dunstan, former treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, by whose generosity the bells were rehung and augmented last November.

On Monday morning an early start was to be made for Kent at Gulval, but at least a quarter of an hour was spent in discovering that the needle of the carburettor in the 'chariot' had to be pulled instead of pushed. The party eventually arrived at Gulval, where they were welcomed by Mr. William Wood, and a good peal of Kent was rung. After lunch St. Mary's, Penzance (8), and Ludgvan (6) were sampled.

The early peal successes were not to last, for Stedman Triples failed at St. Keverne on Tuesday after an hour and a quarter's excellent ringing. The hero of this day was young Jim, who cycled well over 50 miles and seemed to arrive at the towers almost as soon as the cars. After lunch at the charming village of Coverack, the party sped on to Landewednack (6), the most southerly church in England, and to Mullion (6), churches in such beautiful surroundings that for the first and only time during the week sightseeing took precedence over ringing for one or two members of the party.

Confidence was restored on Wednesday when the first peal of New Cambridge in the county was rung at Helston, of Furry Dance fame. Apparently the fur flew at the local Council offices, for a message was sent requesting the cessation of ringing as the staff could not think, read or write! Unfortunately for the staff this message never reached the ringers! In the afternoon Wendron (6) was visited and a few members went on to Redruth to join the local ringers at their practice in the evening.

On Thursday a peal of Bob Major was scored at Budock, recently rehung and augmented to eight. After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Williams) and Mrs. Williams very kindly provided cups of tea and the party moved on to Mabe (6), where the Vicar and a number of the local ringers were waiting to welcome them. After ringing the visitors were the guests of the local ringers at tea.

Friday was the highlight of the week with a peal at Truro Cathedral. Kenwyn (8) and Kea (8) were visited during the morning and early afternoon, the party reassembling at the Cathedral for a start immediately after evensong. 'Young Tom o' Devon' and Bill Birmingham, of Slough, joined the party for this peal, and Oxford Royal came home in 3 hours 44 minutes. This was the first peal of Oxford in the county.

The last attempt of the week was made at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, delightfully situated on the banks of a creek of the Helford River. Unfortunately, one car got lost on the journey and consequently there was a late start.

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OBITUARY

MR. MAURICE SMITHER.

As briefly announced last week, Mr. Maurice Smither, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, died suddenly on August 20th. He was cycling to work when he was taken ill. His bicycle was discovered resting on the kerb and Mr. Smither was found in sitting position dead. He was 67 years of age.

Mr. Smither came to Guildford from Maidenhead in 1907, and from then until he moved to Chiddingfold was a member of the Holy Trinity band. He took part in all the first Surprise peals rung by the band and in hundreds of handbell peals. He rang in 10,025 Stedman Caters on tower bells at Haslemere in 1931 and also 7,023 and 7,777 Stedman Caters 'in hand.' On another occasion he rang a peal 'in hand' on six weekdays in succession at a different place, on different bells and a different length. He was a first-class striker and a good steady ringer.

An 'in memoriam' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Chiddingfold, on August 28th, conducted by A. H. Pulling.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT.
AN APPRECIATION.

Ipswich has produced many notable ringers, amongst them being William P. Garrett, whose death, under tragic circumstances, was reported last week. He was of very gentle and kindly disposition, never boastful, but genuinely proud of the traditions of the St. Mary-le-Tower company.

Contemporary with Motts, Pemberton, Catchpole, Brundle, Tillett and later Symonds and Sedgley, he helped to build up a very strong and versatile company at Ipswich, and their performances in various Maximus methods about 20 years ago were very noteworthy. 'Bill' Garrett was entitled to be a proud man, for he was the first to ring 100 peals of Maximus, including the first ever of eight or nine Surprise methods.

He would never spare any trouble to ensure the success of any enterprise embarked upon for the good of ringing, was tidy and methodical in his habits and thinking, and his very last act was typical of the man, for he set his bell and then sat down and passed away. We have lost a very dear friend and we shall miss his cheery smiling greeting.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to his relatives, and particularly to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. It is certain that the good work put in by Bill Garrett will live after him. J.F.S.

MEMORIAL TO MR. H. LUDKIN

To the memory of the late Mr. Herbert Ludkin, who died on May 22nd, a table, the gift of Mrs. Ludkin and family, was dedicated in the belfry of Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester, on August 15th.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Bishop, who spoke very affectionately on the service of music and musicians in the service of the Church and how ringers enjoyed the amount of pleasure afforded them, but he wished to remind them also that it was a service calling those who cared to listen to a closer brotherhood needed in these difficult days.

Following the impressive service attended by Mrs. Ludkin and relatives, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted before the morning service, two of Mr. Ludkin's nephews, who travelled from Goole, taking part.

RINGING IN CORNWALL (cont)

Whether it was hunger or merely general fatigue at the end of the week no one knows, but something seemed to upset the band. After a moderately good start for Ashtead, the ringing gradually deteriorated until the peal was given up with only a course and a half to go.

And so a very happy week came to an end. The members of the party were never more united than when thanking the Rev. and Mrs. Roberts for their very kind hospitality and for the excellent arrangements made for the week.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*MISS MARION GRAIN	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	4
†MAURICE J. THURMOTT	2	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM	5
HENRY W. SHARP	3	ALWYN BEALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. In honour of the wedding of George B. Easingwood and Miss Joan Robinson.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROGER MEREDITH	*Treble*	ERIC O. DAVIES	4
†NOEL E. PHILLIPS	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
ERNEST H. MEREDITH	3	IVOR MEREDITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal. A farewell to the Rev. C. E. Sidebotham, Vicar, on leaving the parish.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Primrose Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE R. DAWSON	*Treble*	ALBERT H. BENNETT	4
WILLIAM B. DAWSON	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
JOHN P. MORRISS	3	CYRIL WANDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

A compliment to Mr. G. R. Dawson, captain at this tower, on the first anniversary of his wedding.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., August 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of April Day and Plain Bob and 18 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT MOORE	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	4
FREDERICK LEECH	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
*MISS BESSIE CARTER	3	ROBERT DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' First peal of Doubles on the bells since they were recast. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. G. B. Humphreys.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 29¼ cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
GEORGE L. RODEN	3	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 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 I. MARROWS (14)	*Treble*	†MISS JOAN WRIGHT	4
MISS MARY SMITH	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
†JOHN H. SMITH	3	*FRANK R. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK BLOWEN	*Treble*	GEORGE CASE	4
REV. F. F. RIGBY	2	RALPH HAZELL	5
THOMAS MARTIN	3	LESLIE BARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in 10 methods: (1) Double Court; (2) Childwall and Thelwall; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

C. ERNEST SMITH	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	4
*ERIC T. LEE	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
GEORGE L. GROVER	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal 'inside' in more than one method. First peal in 10 methods by all the band and first for the Guild.

MANCHESTER.
THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. On the middle six.

*P.C. C. H. HARDISTY	*Treble*	*P.C. JOHN CRAWSHAW	4
†P.C. RICHARD BENSON	2	*P.C. RONALD SMITH	5
*P.C. STANLEY LIVESEY	3	*P.C. S. THORNYCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. RICHARD BENSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and first as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A compliment to Princess Margaret on her 18th birthday.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Antelope, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day and Old Doubles. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*VALERIE L. A. WALLIS	*Treble*	COLIN F. MILLS	4
REGINALD L. SILLS	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT	5
*EDNA M. SILLS	3	†MICHAEL G. USMAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's Plain Bob and two College Single. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALBERT KELVIE	*Treble*	WILLIAM MANSER	4
LEWIS NEWMAN	2	*HARRY USBORNE	5
TOM SAUNDERS	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to John Saunders, son of the ringer of the third.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Six extents each of April Day, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK C. ARNOLD	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3
C. FRANK PHILLIPPS	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4
HARRY J. HALL			*Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1948, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	3-4
		DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal of Kent Minor 'in hand' by all. Being seven extents.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	1-2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3-4	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	7-8
		JOHN W. TAYLOR	9-10

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. WILLIAMSON. First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

OUTINGS

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN.

The second annual outing of the Northern District was held on August Bank Holiday, and, having regard to the original purpose of these gatherings, to visit the more remote towers of the area, ringing took place on six rings in S.W. Durham and N. Yorkshire.

Leaving Newcastle by coach, an early call was made at St. Brandon's, Brancepeth (8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.), a 15th century church delightfully situated in the grounds of Brancepeth Castle. While the ringers were enjoying this pleasant octave, non-ringers were afforded the opportunity of viewing the military museum in the Castle.

The next stop was at St. Andrew's, South Church, Bishop Auckland, where several good touches were brought round and contact was made with a visiting ringer from Staffordshire. An excellent lunch was provided at Bishop Auckland, and the tour was resumed with a short run to St. Mary's, Staindrop (8, tenor 15 cwt.), where a glorious Taylor peal was heard to good advantage. Here we had the pleasure of meeting our president, Mr. W. N. Park, who happened to be cycling in the vicinity, and the sound of the bells 'bobbed his course.'

Continuing, a call was made at St. Mary's, Barnard Castle (8, tenor 17 cwt.), where the Association's influence has not been felt for many years. These bells have little to recommend them either for tone or 'go,' but a really good course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with Dick Gofton putting the tenor in its place. It is interesting to record that the one and only peal on these bells was rung during a visit of the Rev. F. E. Robinson on February 10th, 1906, when 'the variation' was brought round in 3 hours 11 minutes.

Crossing the River Tees, a 'raid' was made into the North Riding with a call at Richmond, where we had a first-class tea and a pleasant hour on the bells of St. Mary's (8, tenor 11 cwt.). Turning north, we commenced the homeward stretch and made our last call at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, where we were able to join in with the local ringers in their practice. A feature of the ringing here was a course of Grandsire Triples by seven ladies with our president doing the honours 'behind.'

And so another busman's holiday came to an end. Its success can best be judged by the numerous requests of 'where are we going next year?' Credit for all the arrangements must be given to Mr. W. E. Robinson, our hon. secretary, who unfortunately could not be present to see the results of his work.

BURFORD RINGERS IN SOMERSET.

Members of the Burford (Oxon) Guild, accompanied by a few friends, chose Somerset for their annual outing on August 21st.

Departing from Burford at 9 a.m., a break was made at Tetbury, Glos., where ringing on the fine eight was much enjoyed. The coach then proceeded via Bath en route for Wells, where at the Bekynton Cafe an excellent lunch of roast chicken was an important part of the day's programme.

At the Cathedral the party was received by the Archdeacon of Wells, who extended a warm welcome to all. Ringing on the magnificent ten took place until 3 p.m., and in addition to the Cater ringing, Mr. A. R. Pink turned in the 57 cwt. tenor to a well-struck course of Plain Bob.

The next tower was the grand octave at Chewton Mendip, where full advantage was taken of their sonorous tone. Leaving here at 4.40 p.m., the party proceeded to Bath, where after a short break for tea some good ringing took place in the spacious belfry of the Abbey.

The homeward journey was started at 7 o'clock, and after calling at Watermoor (Cirencester) for half an hour's ringing on the delightful eight, Burford was reached at 10 p.m.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Triples, Double Norwich, Kent and Plain Bob Major, Hereward and St. Clement's Triples. B. S. N.

Three Guilds Festival

MOTOR-COACH TO TAKE MEMBERS TO SEVEN TOWERS.

There was a large gathering at Yorktown on August 21st, when three Guilds—the Sonning Deanery of the Oxford Guild, the Basingstoke branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild—held a combined ringing festival. Thirty-seven towers were represented, with visitors from Croydon, Bournemouth, Feltham, Fareham, Farnham Royal, and from several churches in London and the Kent County Association. Seven towers were open for ringing, viz., Farnborough Old Parish (6), Hawley (8), Yateley (8), Sandhurst (6), Bagshot (8), Finchampstead (6) and St. Michael's, Yorktown (8).

The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, Vicar of Hawley, conducted the service at St. Michael's, Yorktown. In his address he spoke of the pleasure he had in becoming Vicar of a parish with a ring of bells and appealed for financial help towards the £450 that would shortly be required for overhauling the bells and frame at Hawley.

After the final hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' the congregation adjourned to the schools playground, where a photograph was taken, and this was followed by a buffet tea in the Church Room.

During an interval Mr. G. S. Joyce (Farnham district secretary) and Mr. P. Eldridge (Farnborough) gave a display of handbell tune ringing, each set of tunes being linked up with a story written by Mr. Joyce. Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham district ringing master) was the storyteller.

Mr. Denyer expressed the hope that the festival—the first for several years—would be followed by many more in the years ahead. Mr. B. C. Castle (hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery) and Mr. J. Chesterman (hon. secretary of the Basingstoke branch) also expressed pleasure at being invited to join the Farnham district, and thanked Mr. Joyce and others who had made the arrangements. A coach conveyed members from church to church.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

A meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Exminster, near Exeter, on August 14th. The old six were recently augmented, making a very good octave of moderate weight and easy to handle. Ringers were present from the branch and other towers, also a number of visitors. Various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Major were brought round.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by Preb. E. V. Cox, Guild president, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Dewe. Tea in the Church Hall was enjoyed by over 40 ringers and friends. Mr. A. W. Searle, chairman, presided at the business meeting which followed. Okehampton was chosen for the next meeting in October, where the general secretary (Mr. T. Smale) is instructing a band.

Two new members were elected. Efforts are to be made to encourage those interested to practise new methods during the coming winter. The hon. secretary, Mr. E. J. Ryall, will be glad to have the names of those anxious to do so.

Votes of thanks were given the president, the organist and others who contributed to the success of the meeting.

A LEICESTER EXAMPLE

Coleorton's learners were greatly encouraged by the response to their 'open' practice night on August 14th. Visitors numbered upwards of 40 and came from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Copt Oak, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Leicester (Cathedral), Melbourne, Shepshed, Ticknall and Whitwick.

While efforts were mainly directed to assisting the local band, opportunities were made for visitors to indulge in more advanced ringing. The pleasant and successful gathering completely justified the innovation. H. O.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATIONS (N.W. District).—Combined meeting at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3956

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s.6d. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3951

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The by-meeting at Brenchley is cancelled owing to a defect in the bells. A meeting will be held instead at Leigh (6) on Sept. 4th at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 3965

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 3950

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting, Powerstock, Sept. 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow only if notified.—C. H. Lathey. 3970

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3975

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Third quarterly meeting, Balcombe, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3982

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury District.—Meeting at Downton, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 3979

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Holbrook, Stutton and Harkstead, Sept. 4th. Tea 5 at Holbrook. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. District Secretary, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 3968

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Trowell, Saturday, Sept. 4th, Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3991

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest, Thryburgh, Sept. 4th, 3. For tea notify Mr. H. Beeden, Enderley, Doncaster Road, Thryburgh, near Rotherham. 3989

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning (8) on Saturday, Sept. 4th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 3996

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chobham (8), Saturday, Sept. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 4016

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Meeting, Longparish, arranged for Sept. 4th postponed until Oct. 2nd.—Marsden, Secretary. 4017

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Sept. 6th. Practice meeting 7.15 p.m. Also first Monday each month. Everyone welcome. — H. W. Rogers, Sec. 3994

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, East Budleigh, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 3981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Somerton, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3985

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. Note change of tower for this meeting from Ulcombe owing to condition of bells. 3925

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Tenby (8), Sept. 11th, 2. Service 3.30. For tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 3973

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haworth, near Keighley, 'The Home of the Brontes,' on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Tea 5, 2s. per head. Apply Mr. A. Bairstow, 33, Main Street, Haworth, before Sept. 8th. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3972

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh District. — Meeting at Hadleigh, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Corner Shop 5 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by Sept. 6th.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 3984

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Annual branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Walney Isle, Barrow-in-Furness. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4031

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. —G. C. Briggs, District Sec. 4029

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications by 8th to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobald's Road, Burgess Hill. 4014

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4013

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service at 6 o'clock. Postcard for tea by Sept. 7th, please.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 4011

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Shildon, Sept. 11th, 2.30. Names for tea by Sept. 8th. —J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4009

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington, Sept. 11th. Numbers for tea by Sept. 7th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4008

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next monthly meeting will be held at Farnworth (6) on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. for those who send their names to Mr. J. A. Calland, 35, Allerton Road, Widnes, by Wednesday, Sept. 8th.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4007

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (two 8's) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Meat tea (3s.) for all who notify Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs, by Sept. 10th. 4006

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Aston Abbotts on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea (1s. 9d.) not later than Sept. 8th.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4018

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Ringwood, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Fordingbridge bells (8) after tea.—Arthur Davis, Hon. Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4019

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, by Wednesday, Sept. 8th. 4022

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Weaverham, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Sept. 6th.—Harry Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 4023

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Worth (6), Sept. 11th, 3. See next week's notice re tea.—C. A. Bassett. 4025

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Owing to catering difficulties, please send your name to E. J. Upton, 18, Bassil Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by first post on Monday, Sept. 6th, and oblige.—W. C. Hughes, District Sec. 4026

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST and meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 2.15, and from bus stand at 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. B. Crawford, Rampton, Retford, for tea by 7th.—H. Denman, Rockley, Retford. 4021

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Latton (5) afternoon; Cricklade (5) evening. Tea, Cricklade, Sept. 11th.—W. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 4005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Adlington on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. See also Preston Branch notice.—W. H. Shuker, F. Dunkerley, Hon. Secretaries. 4033

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 3974

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Breaston, Saturday, Sept. 11th, 2.30. Names for tea to W. S. Spencer, Roker, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston, by Sept. 8th latest. 3998

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Saturday, Sept. 11th. Ringing 3-4, St. Mary's R.C., Clapham. Tea, Williams and Son, Balham High Road. 4.15-5. Business 5.15-6 in St. Stephen's Hall, Ravenwood Road. Ringing 6-8 Clapham Park. Warm welcome to all.—A. F. Udall, District Sec. 4000

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Meeting, Eaton, Saturday Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. J. Morris, Eaton, Grantham. 4032

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury (6), Sept. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names by 7th.—Richard D Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4035

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in vestry 3. Service 4., followed by Association photograph outside church at 4.45. Tea 5 in St. Paul's Mission Church Room only to those who notify Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by Sept. 13th. Meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3977

OPEN RINGING DAY and Dedication of Peal Tablet, Moorside, Oldham, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, provided free. Notify Mr. I. Kay, 69, Firtree Lane, Bardsley, A.U.L., before Sept. 15th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. 4015

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea before the previous Thursday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4012

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. —Saturday, Sept. 18th, Northaw (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 11th.—T. J. Southam, District Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4024

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 2nd. For teas notify Mr. Popplewell, 8, Charles Street, Lawe Head, Brighouse, by Sept. 28th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4020

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, The Green, Lower Heyford, Northampton, by Monday, Sept. 13th.—F. W. Hancock. 4004

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD & SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Joint meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), four miles from Newark, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.15. Bring own food.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 4001

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern. — Annual meeting, Old Hill, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4028

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Betchworth (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Holland, Oxted, Surrey, by Monday, 13th. 4027

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—District meeting, Barton Stacey, on Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5, at the Plough Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Sept. 13th. 4003

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when the chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. prompt by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc. Ringing arrangements later. As accommodation is limited to 90, early application is advised. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) on application with remittance to L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3978

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE

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LAMBETH

THERE have been a number of references in 'The Ringing World' to the Lambeth Conference. Peals have been rung in honour of the visit of overseas Bishops, and in various centres ringers have had the privilege of displaying their art to Bishops not familiar with the English tradition of change ringing.

This big conference has concluded, and the Bishops have published their findings in the form of an encyclical letter which they ask should be read in every place of worship in the Anglican Communion on October 10th. Some might justly ask what this has to do with bellringing. The answer is that as bellringing is recognised as a service to the Church, so those who participate are servants of the Church, and as such the pronouncements in the Lambeth letter are of vital importance.

'There is no place in the Church for those who will not try to honour the obligations of membership,' states the encyclical. 'We thankfully recognise how many do so honour them, how great is the zeal of many of our younger people, and how much is owed to the witness of faithful congregations and to other office bearers. But all must take their full share.' The Bishop of Monmouth, in an address to Welsh ringers, put his finger on a point which is of much concern when he remarked that it puzzled him greatly why we, who spend so much time and energy in our ringing, should turn away from the service for which we ring. It is possible that the experience of the Lambeth discussions was uppermost in his mind.

One noticeable thing about ringers is the large number of happy marriages of husbands and wives finding a common interest in the service of ringing. 'We should not forget that faithful and happy marriages still far outnumber those that fail,' states the letter in urging a firm stand by members of the Church by word and example to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond and to counteract those influences which tend to destroy it. Familiar, as all ringers are, with wedding bells, the public proclamation of such an act is, in our opinion, an added seal to the marriage contract, and we trust that this traditional practice will long continue.

This column is not the place for any dissertation upon the relationship of Church and State or Marxian Communism. We would, however, conclude with the pertinent observation that 'a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.' To possess much and to strive to possess more, states the letter, has been the cause of great evils and will continue to breed envy, hatred and strife under any economic system. The happiness that is to be found among many ringers is surely based on making other things than the quest of riches the main object of life. Perhaps the greatest contribution that we ordinary folk can make is in trying to bring the example of Christ into our everyday life. True, there will be many failures, but a courageous effort is well worth while. It is by the faithful discharge of the duties which men owe—to God by uprightness of life, to society by honest work, and to each other by bearing one another's burdens—that we shall leave this world as a better place than we found it.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

William Tillett	*Treble*	*Eric E. Speake	7
Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	2	Charles A. Andrews...	8
Leslie C. Wightman...	3	*Arthur Pritchard ...	9
George A. Fleming ...	4	Cecil W. Pipe	10
Frank L. Fisher ...	5	George E. Symonds ...	11
*Arthur V. Pearson ...	6	Ernest W. Pye ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Geo. E. Symonds.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. In memoriam Mr. William P. Garrett. Tenor 32 cwt.

LINCOLN.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower in the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Mrs. J. E. Davis	*Treble*	Charles McGuiness ...	7
Mrs. R. F. Deal ...	2	Thomas H. Francis ...	8
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Miss Patricia Holmes	5	George W. Steere ...	11
*Peter N. Bond	6	Thomas Bevan ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Geo. H. Cross.
* First peal of Cinques. In memoriam James E. Bailey.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Minster Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Sidney Briggs ...	*Treble*	W. Norman Park ...	6
Thomas H. Taffender	2	*Bert Sutton	7
George F. Williams ...	3	John W. Ward	8
Clement Glenn	4	James Bullock	9
Ronald H. Dove	5	Leonard Rodmell, Frank Braithwaite	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Thos. H. Taffender.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

John P. Fidler ...	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	6
Colin Harrison	2	Sidney O. Cheney ...	7
Harold J. Poole ...	3	Herrick B. Bowley ...	8
Mrs. H. J. Poole ...	4	*Thomas H. Francis ...	9
*Redvers F. Elkington	5	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Congratulatory peal to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor on the birth of a daughter.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan and All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 31¼ cwt.

*A. Harold Worboys...	*Treble*	Leonard J. Fox	6
John Chilcott	2	Joseph H. Boomsma ...	7
Thomas G. Fox	3	Thomas J. Setter ...	8
William H. Hewett ...	4	John Phillips	9
Richard F. Deal	5	James G. A. Prior	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. Deal. Conducted by John Phillips.
* First peal. For H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 18th birthday.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
No. 3 Version. Tenor 18½ in E flat.

*E. Joan Salmons	*Treble*	‡David E. Parsons ...	6
Jessie M. Kippin ...	2	§Tom Page	7
†Gillian R. Brittain ...	3	§John H. Hunt	8
Frederick W. Housden	4	*Ernest F. Salmons ...	9
Frank E. Darby ...	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of London Royal. ‡ First peal of London. § First peal of Surprise Royal. A birthday compliment to Charles H. Kippin.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

Betty Spice	*Treble*	Edward A. G. Allen...	6
James Bennett	2	†William A. J. Knight	7
Frederick Richardson	3	Charles E. J. Norris	8
Arthur S. Richards ...	4	‡Jack Dafters	9
*Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	5	*Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First ten-bell peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.W.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the R.C. Church of St. Mary, Clapham,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Miss Audrey M. Castle	*Treble*	Percy Green	5
Thomas H. Taffender...	2	Ernest W. Furbank ...	6
William A. Theobald ...	3	Edward D. Smith ...	7
Thomas W. Taffender...	4	James Bullock ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church and the Festival of St. Alphonsus. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's.

Mrs. J. Thomas ...	*Treble*	William A. Theobald...	5
John Thomas	2	Charles Camm	6
Stafford H. Green ...	3	Ernest Cubberley ...	7
Joseph D. Johnson ...	4	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

Harry Baker	*Treble*	Joe C. Wallis	5
Leonard Mannering ...	2	George F. Cantrill ...	6
Benjamin F. Baker ...	3	Louis Head	7
Frederick G. Hogan ...	4	Frank Thwaites ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Head.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
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*	Wilfred Stevenson ...	5
Hilda M. Stobbs	2	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	6
Margaret Fidell ...	3	John Worth	7
James Fernley	4	Joseph Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John Worth.

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ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

George Wm. Steel	*Treble*	Thos. Wm. Strangeway	5
Arthur G. Wood	2	Alexander E. Marsh	6
Joshua Wormald	3	Percy Massam	7
William Ward	4	Harry Homer	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Thos. W. Strangeway.
The ringer of the third was elected a member of the Association prior to the start of the peal. Tenor 13 cwt.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Leslie Prestidge	*Treble*	Thomas A. Townsend	5
†Roderic J. Lees	2	Harry Goodman	6
*William Davies	3	*Stanley Prestidge	7
Henry Hubball	4	John Goodman	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by John Goodman.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. To celebrate the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. Salmons	*Treble*	Tom Page	5
George Pullinger	2	William R. Melville	6
Miss Nelia Leahy	3	Ernest F. Salmons	7
*Miss Hazel Dale	4	Edward C. Wheeler	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest F. Salmons.
* First in the method. Rung to celebrate the 18th birthday of Princess Margaret. Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

John P. Fidler	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Harold J. Poole	6
Redvers F. Elkington	3	Thomas H. Francis	7
*Frank K. Measures	4	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Thos. H. Francis.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal as conductor.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*P. George Golder	*Treble*	Howard Howell	5
Miss Mary Elkington	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Richard J. Warrilow	3	Arthur Pritchard	7
†J. Dennis Holden	4	Harry Boswell	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Leodegarius,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. W. Washbrook's.

*Samuel Pinder	*Treble*	W. Neville Brown	5
W. Percy Whitehead	2	†R. Winfield Carlisle	6
†W. Harry Duncombe	3	Ralph Narborough	7
†R. Edward Carlisle	4	‡Patrick Preston	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Percy Whitehead.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. A compliment to R. Edward Carlisle, 25 years in the choir at this church.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Vincent,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Madeline M. Croft	*Treble*	John Freeman	5
Kenneth S. B. Croft	2	John Cragg	6
*P. Michael Freeman	3	John A. Freeman	7
Arthur Mackears	4	Charles E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Three-Part, No. 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Henry Tooke	*Treble*	†Brian Austin	5
*Leslie W. Houghton	2	F. Charles Goodman	6
Nolan Golden	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
Patrick I. Chapman	4	George Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. In honour of Princess Margaret's official coming-of-age.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

John Wheadon	*Treble*	Ernest C. S. Turner	5
Edwin Barnett	2	J. Frank Smallwood	6
Geoffrey V. Murphy	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Maurice Hodgson	4	Harold G. Cashmore	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
In memoriam William P. Garrett. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen, Fylingdales,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Clement Glenn	*Treble*	*Phillip H. Speck	5
Mrs. C. Glenn	2	Bert Sutton	6
Thomas H. Taffender	3	Percy J. Johnson	7
James Bullock	4	James A. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal in the method.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

Eric T. Lee	*Treble*	David Gallop	5
Elizabeth Faulknall	2	Philip A. F. Chalk	6
Alan J. Butler	3	William H. Kingcott	7
*George E. Evenden	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* First peal of major. First peal by the Society of Roving Ringers.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Deane,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Miss Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Peter Crook, sen.	5
Albert Greenhalgh	2	John Ashcroft	6
Frederick Brownlow	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
*Major Crook	4	John Hy. Hamer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Wm. B. Cartwright	*Treble*	*Andrew C. Sinfield	5
Sidney T. Holt	2	Fredk. A. Salter	6
Rev. R. F. R. Routh	3	Albert Wiffen	7
*Harold J. Roberts	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William B. Cartwright.
* First peal of Stedman.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Trevor Pritchard	*Treble*	William Sidwell	5
John Thomas	2	Herbert W. Knight	6
Rev. F. F. Rigby	3	Thomas Witts	7
Mrs. John Thomas	4	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Irregular Five-part (C.C.C. No. 30). Tenor 15 cwt.

*Miss Mary Howell	*Treble*	George W. Cecil	5
Raymond Overy	2	†James H. Lilley	6
Miss Florrie Wyman	3	Horace E. Lilley	7
Oliver Sippetts	4	Kenneth Snelling	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond Overy.
* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. The first peal in the method by all. Understood to be the first in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

Miss Margaret Fidell	*Treble*	William E. Robinson	5
Thomas W. Crowe	2	Adam Deas	6
Miss Joyce P. Gaymer	3	Joseph E. R. Keen	7
John Anderson	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 7.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Sidney O. Cheney	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
*Mrs. G. E. Watson	2	Burley Morris	6
*Geoffrey E. Watson	3	Frank K. Measures	7
Harold J. Poole	4	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Edward A. Dixon	*Treble*	‡E. Thomas Ellender	5
William A. Terry	2	‡Frederick A. Rye	6
Charles Turner	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
†Stanley G. White	4	‡John Russell	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Major. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Josiah D. Harris	*Treble*	*Harold A. May	5
Ernest J. Munday	2	Frederick W. Rogers	6
William T. Beeson	3	Alfred T. Greenwood	7
Charles E. Bassett	4	†C. Ernest Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* First peal of Bristol. † 450th peal. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

John H. Gartside	*Treble*	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Thomas Barker	2	John Charnock	6
*Charles Sharples	3	John Jackson	7
G. Alec Dimmock	4	E. Roger Martin	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by E. Roger Martin.
* First peal in the method. The first peal on the bells since recasting and augmenting to eight. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Albert Lambkin	*Treble*	Chas. W. R. Grimwood	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	Ronald J. C. Hagley	6
William J. Robinson	3	Arthur J. Bartlett	7
Herbert G. Andrews	4	Harry Mullard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam M. Smither.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

John E. S. Moreton	*Treble*	J. W. Frank Trotman	5
Margaret Beamish	2	George E. Fearn	6
Frank E. Pervin	3	John A. L. Thompson	7
Paul K. Williamson	4	Leonard Trevor	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
First in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for J. E. S. Moreton. Also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Rev. F. S. and Mrs. Herbert. Tenor 14½ cwt.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*Harold G. Blick	*Treble*	Alfred Hannington	5
Albert J. Pitman	2	Thomas Yeomans	6
Ernest Stitch	3	Alfred W. Heath	7
Trevor M. Roderick	4	Robert E. Coles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Stitch.
* First peal. Holt's Original. Tenor 17 cwt.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Horace A. Wright	*Treble*	George W. Moss	5
*Ronald G. Bugg	2	George Waterman	6
Alan R. Andrews	3	Ronald Suckling	7
Harry J. Millatt	4	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights (C.C.C. 164). Conducted by R. Suckling.
* First in the method. Tenor 9 cwt.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*Mrs. S. B. Marchant	*Treble*	‡Colin F. Mills	5
†Edna M. Sills	2	Peter C. Wright	6
*Anthony V. Kemp	3	Reginald L. Sills	7
*Walter C. Gosling	4	Frank Boorman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples and in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	John W. Best	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Ernest F. Bennett	6
James S. Webb	3	Percy Swindley	7
Henry O. Baker	4	Harry Pye	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Percy Swindley.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 21 cwt.

*Sidney A. White	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Doris G. Dobbie	2	George Kenward	6
Betty Spice	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Stanley B. Dobbie	4	†Edward A. Dixon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter H. Dobbie.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Kenneth S. B. Croft	5
P. Michael Freeman	2	*John A. Freeman	6
*Charles McGuiness	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Frederick W. Stokes	4	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* Hundredth peal together. First peal in the method by all the band in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

(More peals on page 385.)

QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.—On Aug. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. G. White 1, R. White 2, Miss N. Honey (first on 10 bells) 3, H. C. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. A. White 6, A. R. Pink (conductor) 7, F. C. White 8, G. Holifield 9, R. Sargent 10.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 changes of Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Hammons 1, Miss M. Valentine (first of Minor) 2, R. Finch 3, S. M. Ruddlesden 4, S. Earl 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. McGinlay (first quarter) 1, E. C. Pearson 2, H. G. Lawn (first of Triples) 3, W. J. Cross 4, J. W. Barber 5, G. F. Burton 6, E. E. Pearson (first as conductor) 7, J. S. McGinlay 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Walker 1, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 2, T. H. Reeves 3, H. Withers 4, J. Eaton 5, J. Harvey 6, J. N. Lindon 7, G. Chaplin 8. Rung for the christening service of the conductor's great-grandson.

HOYLANDSWAINE, BARNSLEY.—At the Church of St. John, on Aug. 25th, a date touch of 1,948 changes of Oxford: B. Broadhead 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, K. H. Wood 5, N. F. Moxon (conductor) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on Sunday, Aug. 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, C. Young 2, H. S. Peacock 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

LEYTONSTONE, E.1.—On Sunday, Aug. 8th, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. A. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. W. Furbank 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. Wilmington 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.— At the Church of St. James on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jefferies (first quarter) (age 13) 1, 1. Palmer 2, C. E. Jefferies 3, Miss N. Gardner 4, D. Gardner 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, A. Rodway (first quarter) 8. In memoriam A. E. Young.

NORWICH. — At St. Giles' on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Beckett 1, J. Moor 2, N. Golden (conductor) 3, A. G. Bason 4, G. Sayer 5, A. J. E. Smalls 6, E. H. Finch (Stapleford, Cambs, first quarter Grandsire Triples) 7, H. C. Read 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.—On Aug. 29th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich by: A. Lawry (first in method) 1, J. D. Harris 2, J. W. Meade (first in method) 3, F. A. Burnett 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, R. E. Turner 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday, Aug. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Harris 1, D. Reed 2, B. Tiller 3, R. Tiller (first quarter in method) 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, R. Marlow 7, W. Cheater (conductor) 8.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. A. Knight 1, A. Bellamy (first as cond.) 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, W. A. Wilson 5.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 callings), St. Dunstan-Doubles (four callings): C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, Group Capt. T. V. Lister 3, F. Chamberlain 4, H. Ball 5, A. Hale 6, E. Margrett 7, F. Bullock 8. 7.6.8 covering.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Goodger 1, Miss M. Baker (first 'inside') 2, Miss V. Wallis (first as cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, C. Mills 5, M. Usmar (first quarter) 6.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Aug. 21st, 2,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. R. Newton 1, T. Hammond 2, J. Horridge 3, A. Mawdsley 4, R. Kenrick 5, T. Hesketh 6, J. W. Grounds 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the 21st birthday of R. Kenrick.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wells (first quarter) 1, B. W. Aldridge 2, D. Beveridge 3, R. Johnson 4, A. Grove 5, A. G. Hill 6, F. A. Coley (conductor) 7, C. Dann 8.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

By kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Lamb, Dean of Bridlington, and the ringers of Bridlington Priory, the Beverley and District Society held their monthly meeting at Bridlington on August 14th. The eight bells were rung to all the standard methods, and a fine touch of Stedman Triples preceded the service, which was conducted by Canon Lamb, assisted by the Rev. George Storer, Vicar of Hutton, Cranswick.

In his address, Canon Lamb said he was glad to welcome the Society again, exactly a year after their first visit. He was pleased to know of their continued progress. His message to all bellringers was one of commendation for their ministry, and for the inspiration of the message the bells send to all people.

Handbells were rung at the service during the singing of the 150th Psalm, and before the business meeting by: Mrs. Glenn 1-2, C. Glenn 3-4, T. Taffender 5-6, and L. Rodmell 7-8, to touches of Grandsire Triples. A good tea was enjoyed by the party of seventy in the Church Institute.

Mr. G. Williams presided at the business meeting, supported by the committee, and he gave a welcome to visitors from London and Hartlepool, and he also extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Glenn on their recent marriage. The secretary's report of the annual meeting held at Beverley on July 10th was approved, and the next meeting was arranged for September 11th at Barton-on-Humber.

Mr. D. Meadley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Lamb for the use of the bells and for his inspiring address, to the Rev. Storer, the organist, and the local ringers for the efficient arrangements. Two new members were elected. There was more ringing until 8.30, when the thirty from Beverley, Kirk Ella and Hull were soon on their way home by bus.—A. E. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The writer of the Truro Guild history, published in this issue, the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, has the good wishes of all ringers. To-day, September 10th, is his birthday! Is this a double excuse for celebration?

Will the ringer who submitted the peal of Stedman Triples on August 21st at Old Basford, Nottingham, please send his name and address to the Editor?

Mr. C. T. Andrews, of Melksham, informs us that W. Pye's band did not ring Cambridge Maximum at Trowbridge but Cambridge Royal. The only Maximus previously rung has been Plain and Kent.

Mr. Herbert Barlow has now rung peals from 6 bells to 12. He has been a member of the Lancashire Association since October, 1898, and his first Minor peal was on August 28th at Rochdale.

Mr. Jim Shepherd, of Swindon, who has recently been in hospital, is back in ringing circles again, and was among those who attended the meeting of the West Dorset Branch, Salisbury Guild, at Powerstock, last Saturday.

Three generations of the Jefferies family ring at Mangotsfield, near Bristol. Mr. J. G. Jefferies has his two sons and two grandsons all ringing with him. One of the family, 13-year-old M. Jefferies, rang his first quarter on September 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, ably guided by grandfather, the conductor.

The peal of Superlative Surprise Major on August 2nd at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Clapham, London, celebrating the centenary of the church, is worth noting. It was the first peal of Surprise on the bells and the first peal on them for nearly 40 years. The last was a peal of Stedman Triples, called by the same conductor, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender.

It's a small world. Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, sends the following: When I was staying recently with my daughter at Bradford, the next-door neighbour came in and found me making a lot of sums (Stedman Caters). After convincing him it was change ringing, he said he had had 'one of those chaps' with him in India—he was in the Durham Light Infantry—but he couldn't think of the name of the chap. I suggested some, and then we found his man in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' Yes, it was Pat Cannon. The neighbour's name, Eric Proctor.

John A. L. Thompson, who scored his first peal of Bob Minor at Exhall, Warwickshire, on August 28th, has now rung peals of Plain Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

Will the next book be '1066, ad infinitum'? Mr. Ernest Morris has now rung 1,066 peals, the total being reached on August 25th at Leicester. 'And all that' is met by the fact that it was rung non-conducted and silent, and is the first non-conducted peal for all the ringers and for the Leicester Guild.

'The Society of Roving Ringers' has been formed by the tourists who have been on holiday in Devon during the past fortnight. Membership also embraces those who took part in their tour last year. The Society rang its first peal at Broadclyst the average age of the band being 18 years 6 months.

Four members of the Board of Trade staff—Maurice Hodgson, Edwin J. Lindley, E. Maurice Atkins and Alfred H. James—rang a peal of Plain Bob Major at H.M. Patent Office, Board of Trade, on August 26th. The conductor, Mr. Atkins, wonders how many other peals have been rung by ringers exclusively from a single Government department. He would also like to know of any other ringers on the Board of Trade staff.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

BY THE REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

OCTOBER 8th, 1947, was the jubilee of the foundation of the Truro Diocesan Guild, which is now in its fifty-first year. On this day in 1897 a meeting was held at Truro Cathedral, then without nave, western towers or bells, under the presidency of Bishop Gott, who in his charge to the diocese in 1894 had devoted a section to bells and ringing, and had urged the formation of a guild. At that time only two towers were affiliated to any guild, and they were St. Mary's, Penzance, and Gulval, which were linked to the Devon Guild.

Mention of these two towers brings into this early picture the name of Dr. John Symons, who was much concerned with ringing at these two towers, and who had called the first peal ever to be rung in Cornwall in 1883, at Penzance, which was Grandsire Triples. Ringing progress in Cornwall has always been helped from outside the diocese, and the things that make history in the Truro Guild prove the value of ringing tours and the encouragement they give.

Prior to this first meeting there had been a peal attempt (Superlative, which lasted two hours) at Kenwyn Church by a touring band, among them being the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Oxford Guild) and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who did so much for ringing in Devonshire. The Oxford and Exeter Dioceses, therefore, had an influence in the formation of the Truro Guild, for both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Kelly gave their advice, and Dr. Symons urged the formation of the Guild.

In 1898 'The Constitution and Rules of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers' appeared, having been printed in Plymouth. The first festival was held at Veryan (six bells), the tower of the first secretary, the Rev. (afterwards Canon) J. A. Kempe, in 1898, which was attended by seven bands of ringers, and indeed it was a full day—Holy Communion 8.30 a.m., luncheon 1 p.m., special ringers' service 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., harvest thanksgiving service 7 p.m., with ringing by the various bands the whole while between each. The day was a Tuesday.

TO OVERCOME PRIZE RINGING.

These festivals were held each year, and a carefully prepared programme drawn up with each band of ringers attending being allocated a certain time for ringing. Such a method had to be, for there was little or no change ringing, except what a 'special band' could do, and the whole object of the Guild was to overcome the prize ringing which was then rampant throughout the county, and which still does exist in East and South-East Cornwall; there is, however, none in the western half of the county.

Prize ringing generally has succumbed to the progressive influence of the Diocesan Guild, and the fact of its diocesan status. Although money prizes are still given, the area in which prize ringing still operates has gradually diminished. There was an agreement between towers in a certain area not many years ago that money prizes should be given up, and this brought into being the Mid-Cornwall Association as a branch of the Diocesan Guild. At this branch's festivals certificates are awarded to those bands which attain a certain standard of striking. Some such local effort was made at Lanlivery in 1911 after there had been much disagreement over money prizes.

The following elaborate invitation to take part is of unique interest:—

'To the Ringers of the Tower of . . . . . Gentlemen, An Open Competition in the Art of Round Ringing will be held in the Tower of Saint Dunstan, Lanlivery, on S. Dunstan's Day, May 19th, 1911. The Prizes will be: 1st A Certificate that—in the opinion of the Judges—the *Set* named therein were, individually and collectively, worthy to be considered MASTER RINGERS of the Order of S. Dunstan; 2nd, COMPANIONS of the Order of S. Dunstan; 3rd, BROTHERS of the Order of S. Dunstan; 4th and following, Certificate of ability to ring a good Round Peal to all who satisfy the Judges. A ribbon embroidered with 8, 6, 4 or 2 Bells will be given to each successful competitor as a token.

'The Rules will be according to Ancient Custom, provided that Ringers be certified by the Captain of their Tower as Bona Fide Operative Ringers who have rung for service during the past year. The names of intending competitors must be sent in to us on or before 10th May. No entrance fee. Donations to defray expenses will be received by Mr. W. H. Rundle, Lanlivery. Hoping to meet all our old friends and enjoy a quiet day, We are, Gentlemen, Yours fraternally, BENJAMIN ROSKILLY, Capt. W. H. RUNDLE, Vice-Capt. and Treas.'



MR. W. H. SOUTHEARD,
Master of the Guild.

Such a gathering as this was outside the Diocesan Guild, but it is the kind of thing that helped some to give up their old ways.

The first printed report appeared for the year 1902, and in this it is shown that there were 13 towers in union with the Guild. The 1947 report shows 65 towers in union, and 13 under the Mid-Cornwall Association. A total of 78. The purpose of affiliating towers, and so accepting all the members of such towers as members of the Guild, has been kept up and found generally successful as it keeps the tower, and ringers too, sacred from prize ringing.

DR. SYMONS' WORK.

The general history of the Guild shows what a tremendous amount of pioneering work had to be done by a few, and in this Dr. Symons, who died in 1944, was one of the few practical ringers to do it. He was successively Master and President of the Guild, and it is now proposed to place a bell to his memory at Madron Parish Church when the present six are augmented to eight.

His daughter, Miss Eileen Symons, the present president of the Guild, has loaned me some of his books and papers which show his immense interest in bells and everything pertaining thereto, for many cuttings have been preserved, details of all the bells of Cornwall were kept almost up to date, letters from various ringers of bygone days, and one which shows that even in his surgery he was studying method ringing many years ago. It reads: 'Dear Dr. Symons, Kindly send me another Bottle of the Sleeping Draught. Yours truly . . . . Feb. 10th, 1881.' This short request is written on a double sheet of note-paper, and on all four sides there are closely written details of how to ring Grandsire Doubles and Triples.

Dr. Symons worked with four secretaries, first, Canon Kempe, and then with Canons H. H. Mills and H. R Jennings, and with the present secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who has provided Cornwall with two sixes—at Zennor and Crantock. When Dr. Symons became president in 1930 he was succeeded by Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, who was followed in 1938 by Mr. W. H. Southeard, of Truro, who is the present Master.

Method ringing is still only found at a few centres, and generally it is confined to the standard methods. The greatest problem is to provide instructors, and their work is made harder by the fact that few towers have any tradition of change ringing. However, progress during the second half of the fifty years is most evident, and again touring bands have done good in that they have inspired enthusiasts to emulate their successes.

One of the greatest works for the Guild has been done by Mr. C. E. Lanxon, the present peals secretary, who collected and wrote up all the peals rung for the Guild, having just passed the 150 mark. Previously no proper records had been kept. The first peal for the Guild was not rung until 1907, and this was at Emmanuel, Plymouth. The same year a touring band rang six peals, and this inspired peals at Kea and Kenwyn, both near Truro, where locals with the help of visitors rang eight peals of Grandsire Triples between 1909 and 1911. Dr. Symons took part in some of these.

There were some three or four more up to 1913, but the war had its effect and no more were rung until 1926— a space of 13 years. In this year a touring band rang the first peal of Royal (Kent T.B.) at the Cathedral, and this inspired some locals who got to work, and with the help of Plymouth ringers in the next year, 1927, fourteen peals were credited to the Guild. I find my name in twelve of these.

The first peal on eight by all Cornish ringers for the Guild was at Penzance in 1933, fifty years after Dr. Symons' peal there, and the first on eight for the Guild by a band from one tower was at Lanlivdrock in 1934; the band was from the Cathedral. Both peals were Grandsire Triples and I had the honour of conducting both. The greatest achievement so far was the peal of Bob Royal at the Cathedral in the Jubilee Year, but the peal was rung for the Diamond Jubilee of the Cathedral, and the credit goes to Mr. C. E. Lanxon, who is the first Cornishman to conduct a ten-bell peal. Mr. Lanxon, too, is the only Cornishman who has called one of his own compositions, this being Bob Major at Roche; on this occasion we rang two peals by beginning with Stedman Triples in the morning at Lanivet, but several visitors were in both peals.

A summary of the peals shows that during the first 25 years of the Guild's life 19 peals were rung, and local members took part in seven of these. During the last 25 years 134 peals have been rung and resident members have taken part in over 100, and it is now the custom to ring peals without outside help. It is fitting that the greatest number of peals at one tower has been rung at the Cathedral, 15 in all, with the neighbouring towers of Kea and Kenwyn claiming ten each.

The general condition of the bells in Cornwall is excellent, and the county has been a good

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FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Ringing To-day

BLACK SPOTS—SUGGESTED CAUSES.

Dear Sir,—The recent historical surveys of our great ringing associations which have appeared in 'The Ringing World,' particularly the more recent one of the Kent County Association, impel me to write. The surveys give some idea of the progress made in the art during the past 50 or 60 years, which from a peal-ringing point of view are undoubtedly remarkable. Very noteworthy progress in peals and methods rung has been made throughout the Exercise during the past 20 years. Can the same be said of Sunday service ringing?

The avowed aim of the fourteen Associations to which I belong are roughly similar:—

(1) The maintenance and encouragement of service ringing in all the churches.
(2) The cultivation of the art of change ringing.
(3) Belfry reform—whatever that may mean.

During the 42 years of my ringing life I have at various times been resident in the areas covered by the Midland Counties Association, Middlesex County Association, London County and Bedfordshire Associations, and have always given precedence to service ringing. Further, I have had opportunity to visit on Sundays towers in Essex, Herts, Sussex and Surrey. I have for the past 18 months been a resident member of the Kent County Association (Canterbury District). My experiences prompt the questions: Why is it that local service ringing is so much better in some areas than in others? Is it to the credit or default of the County Association or Diocesan Guild that such marked differences occur? Do some Associations, in fact, give as much attention to this aspect of their work as their rules imply? Why, for instance, can Luton—who do not ring peals—ring excellent London Surprise, whilst Canterbury, a much older home of ringing, ring only bad Grandsire?

I am aware that many areas where the local bands reach a good standard owe the fact to having been fortunate in the past in that they have had the sustained assistance of enthusiasts who knew how to handle a bell properly and took pains to teach others to do so. I am convinced that this matter of proper bell control is the crux of all progress and good striking, and that many Associations do not fully realise the debt they owe to these strong men of the past who insisted on proper handling first. Again, do our Associations use their influence to the full to encourage the clergy to know something of the art and to encourage good ringing? Are some of our County Associations, in the light of present-day demands, too unwieldy to admit of proper instruction being given to recruits? Perhaps my friends of the Leicester Diocesan Guild could give some idea of the benefits or defects of the smaller unit.

The fact remains there are many black spots. Moreover they often exist within the areas of our largest and most peal-prolific Associations. The Kent County Association (Canterbury District) covers an area of some 30 miles' radius. It has in affiliation 51 towers—2 twelve, 1 ten, 18 eights, 21 sixes, 9 fives—all more or less in good ringable condition. It has some 200 members. There is no dearth of recruits. Yet it is the exception to ring even a passable touch in a simple method at either district meeting, practice or service. The number who can strike a bell properly are very few, and it is impossible to find a band for a standard method peal without seeking the aid of 'crack ringers' from North Kent, Ashford or Maidstone. Why is this? The recruits coming forward are in many cases left to the mercy of teachers who cannot themselves ring and never will. Towers are in the hands of so-called ringers who cannot even ring rounds, yet the clergy in their ignorance of ringing look upon them as efficient instructors. Such a state of affairs is not to the credit of an Association so influential as Kent County.

Perhaps a drastic pruning operation and replanting in good soil of the pieces lopped off would bring forth new life.

110, College Road, W. BOTTRILL.
Deal, Kent.

HANDBELL TUNES

Dear Sir,—After reading Mr. J. M. Turner's letter of August 27th date, these lines came into my mind, which I address in respectful sympathy to Mr. R. Douglas (and other)s:—

IF you've six men, all in one mind.
Who promptly meet,
None lag behind;
IF they can handle four bells each
And know their notes
(No need to teach);
IF each has rhythm, time and shade,
Can ring at sight
With no one's aid;
IF all know much, but little say,
Yet never sulk,
Who want no pay;
IF you've sharps and flats for every hymn,
If all are sound
And in good trim;
IF you've octaves four, not two—or one,
ALL TUNES ARE YOURS,
My lucky Son!

Yours faithfully,
69, West Street, GEORGE GRILLS.
Tavistock, Devon.

P.S.—IF Mr. Douglas will send me particulars of his bells, I will try to help him.

Dear Sir,—My late sister and myself attended at the Royal Hants County Hospital at Christmas time for many years and rang handbells in the wards, four in hand. When some tones, or three or four bells in the higher octave, were wanted, I could drop my four on a small table and pick up what was needed to continue the tune. We used to play Christmas hymns, carols, Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples, songs, etc.—a little different for each ward. We had no MSS. music. The ringing was in perfect harmony. One or two of the Winchester Guild officials would be able to vouch for this, being patients at the time.—Yours truly, G. NOICE.

6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

'NOTE THE NOTE'

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. B. D. Price's letter, I should like to point out that there is, in fact, no absolute standard of pitch. Present-day standards vary amongst themselves by as much as a semitone, while at the close of the seventeenth century a difference of six and a half tones existed between the 'Church pitch' of N. Germany and the Strasbourg Cathedral organ. Mr. Price's remarks seem to show that such inconsistencies may still be found in this country.—Yours faithfully,

25, Chudleigh Road, H. J. YARDLEY.
Erdington, Birmingham.

'The Tents of Wickedness'

Dear Sir,—Apropos the comment of the Bishop of Monmouth that ringers who spend so much time and energy in ringing should turn away from the service for which they ring, I feel that no ringer would deny that bands exist purely for the social pleasure of ringing. Those who have rung on Sundays in different parts of the country see desertion happen regularly. One of the worst cases of this the writer has seen was in a church in Cambridgeshire, where one has to make an exit up the centre and north aisles. Some of the ringers there did not even trouble to put a collar and tie on, and made their exit as one body during the first hymn. And one sees well-known bands going to a cafe for coffee after Sunday morning ringing.

Fortunately there are the loyal towers. How inspiring to have ten ringers for eight bells at 8 o'clock Christmas communion! And how deeply satisfying to ring Yorkshire, Cambridge and London Surprise and have a ringers' pew reserved in a packed church!

How many of us could truthfully say with the Psalmist, 'I had rather ring Grandsire Doubles in the House of my God than to ring Surprise Maximus in the tents of wickedness'? —Yours, etc., 'CAMPER.'

ST. COLUMB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In the past the term 'method' as applied to Doubles methods has taken on a certain loose meaning which it would seem advisable to accept, having consideration for the achievements in the five-bell field. Records were set up, claiming that a number of different methods had been rung, and, as far as one can discover, no voice was raised in protest until Mr. Barnett happened to read an Australian paper.

April Day (Grandsire single leads applied as bobs to Plain Bob), Old Doubles (Plain Bob with an 'extreme' bob) and Norfolk Doubles (Plain Bob using both 'ordinary' and 'extreme' bobs) are of considerable antiquity and have been rung over a long period of years in company with others like Fortune, Hudibras, Antelope and those intriguing extents called Jolly Dick and Jack o' Both Sides.

On April 30th, 1883, the Cretingham (Suffolk) men rang a peal of Doubles and the Norwich Diocesan Association noted 'the remarkable performance of the Cretingham Branch, who rang 5,040 changes on five bells in twenty-one different methods.' This peal included April Day, Old Doubles and Fortune, together with Gog Magog (which may have been what is so called in at least one district, the three-part extent of Grandsire produced by plain lead, single, bob, single).

It is therefore a little late in the day to castigate these Doubles methods and certainly illogical to suggest that peals containing these methods and others constructed on the same principle may not be used to break records. If, for example, April Day is a method—and a very large number of ringers has accepted it as such—then St. Columb is also a Doubles method. The object of all record-breaking is to surpass previous achievements performed on a certain basis, and Mr. Pink and his band are fairly entitled to claim that they have set up a record in ringing a peal in forty-two Doubles methods.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

KEEP TRYING

Dear Sir,—I'm glad to see that 'Nil Desperandum' is still trying. I also failed at the tenth attempt. However, for the eleventh I tried Superlative and rang in my best-struck peal yet, that of course being the reason for its success. I hope 'N.D.' will shortly have a similar success.—Yours sincerely,

Alsager. DAVID H. ANSTEY.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD—continued.

customer to the bellfounders. Of the forty octaves all are in good going order; only some two or three sixes out of about ninety are out of order, and these are to be restored, and several are awaiting augmentation to eight, a dozen or more fives are quite ringable. There is a love of ringing in Cornwall, and this keeps the bells in good order, and one must credit even prize ringing with doing this also, but the Truro Diocesan Guild was founded for the cause of the best and most progressive type of ringing, and in this it must be loyal to its founders.

SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1 of Cambridge Surprise, 2 of Kent, 2 of Oxford Treble Bob and 2 of Bob Minor. Tenor 7 cwt.

PETER BAKER	*Treble*	TREVOR NEWBURY	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	*WILLIAM GODWIN	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	FRANCIS MILES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Minor.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents in twelve methods, fifty changes of method: (1) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Single Court, (6) Reverse Bob, and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Treble*	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON...	4
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	2	*BERT GOGLE	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in more than seven methods. First in more than three methods on the bells.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, three callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

HAROLD C. R. VINE	*Treble*	FREDERICK DIGBY	4
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ...	5
WALTER H. POOLE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*ERNEST W. T. GROVES	*Treble*	FREDERICK DIGBY	4
HUBERT SMITH	2	HAROLD C. R. VINE ...	5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP...	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.
* First peal.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	*Treble*	LANCELOT LAWRENCE ...	4
FREDERICK C. JOHNSON	2	ALBERT E. DIXON	5
*JOHN BARNES	3	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.
* First peal, aged 14.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*COLIN P. WALKER	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	†COLIN A. KIRK ...	*Tenor*

Rung non-conducted and silent.
Witness: JEAN M. WARD.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First non-conducted peal for all and for the Guild.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	4
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	2	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...	5
WILLIAM A. STOTE	3	†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in 3 Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob.

GEORGE BROWN ...	*Treble*	MISS BETTY MORELAND ...	4
*HERBERT BARLOW ...	2	ALLAN SMITH	5
JAMES TAYLOR	3	ALBERT MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.
* First peal of Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

LESLIE A. PAGE ...	*Treble*	NORMAN A. ONER	4
*GILBERT W. SAYERS ...	2	CECIL C. WRIGHT	5
ARTHUR H. FISHER ...	3	EDWIN S. SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN S. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ...	1-2	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5-6
ERNEST MORRIS	3-4	*CHARLES MARSHALL ...	7-8

†FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 9-10
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	5-6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	3-4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3-4	*PHILIP BARNES	7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Little Bob 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1-2	*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ...	5-6
JOHN FREEMAN	3-4	ERIC A. DENCH	7-8

†P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 9-10
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' Tenor size 17 in A.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs.. Aug. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs.. Aug. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT H.M. PATENT OFFICE, BOARD OF TRADE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MAURICE HODGSON	1-2	F. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	*ALFRED H. JANES	7-8

Composed and Conducted by F. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal 'in hand.' All are members of the Board of Trade staff.

' Spliced '

The bells of Ash (Surrey) Church rang merrily on Sept. 4th, the occasion being the marriage of two bellringers, both members of the local mompany. The bride was Miss Jean Audrey Whelan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Whelan, 11, Grange Cottages, Ash, and the bridegroom Mr. Thomas Edward Denyer, second son of Mr. W. Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot. As the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, the organist played Handel's Largo. The Rector of Ash (the Rev. W. M. Insley) performed the ceremony, and the two hymns were 'Come, Gracious Spirit,' and 'Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven.' The bride looked charming in a dress of white cloque with orange blossom wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of dark red carnations, later placed on her grandmother's grave in Ash cemetery. There were four attendants, Miss Rosemary Gilliam (bride's cousin) and Miss Rosamond Corden (friend), and two little girls, Miss Nancie Braff and Miss Josephine Whitford (bridegroom's nieces). The older bridesmaids wore blue taffeta with blue veil and feather headresses and blue lace gloves, and carried pink carnations, while the two little maids were in pink flowered dresses, poke bonnets and had posies of blue scabious. Mr. John M. Denyer was his brother's best man.

A reception in St. Peter's Hall was attended by 70 guests, and later Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Denyer left for their honeymoon at Ventnor (I.O.W.), the bride travelling in a tan silk dress with fawn coat and brown accessories. St. Peter's ringers rang touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Doubles as the bridal couple left the church, and as they were leaving for their honeymoon 'Spliced' Kent and Oxford and a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. Among the many gifts received were a silver fruit basket from Ash bellringers, a tea set from St. Michael's, Aldershot, ringers, cutlery from Messrs. Stewarts (hairdressers), Guildford, the bride's former employers, and a clock and companion set from Messrs. John Drew (Printers), Ltd., where the bridegroom is employed as a compositor.

WEDDINGS AT DARLEY DALE

Romance thrives among the ringers of St. Helen's Church. Darley Dale, Derbyshire. During August the church was the scene of two weddings. On August 12th, Mr. Ernest Paulson, eldest son of Mr. G. H. Paulson, of Darley Dale, married Miss Eileen Hayton, a nursing sister of Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale. The service was choral, and the bellringers rang an appropriate touch as the couple left the church.

The bells were also rung for the wedding of Mr. Denis Scott to Miss Marjorie Webster, also employed at Whitworth Hospital, both ringers at the church. The two couples received gifts from their fellow-ringers. Both bridegrooms belong to families who have put in long service in the belfry of St. Helen's Church.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley Guild was held at Clent on August 28th, when over 50 ringers attended. Many of the older ringers took the opportunity of having a chat with Mr. Will Short, who is now over 80 years of age.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the meeting followed with Mr. Short in the chair. It was decided to send a donation of £1 1s. to the J. W. Parker Memorial Fund.

A by-meeting was arranged for Bilston on Saturday, October 30th, and the next quarterly meeting at Rowley Regis on December 4th.

OUTINGS

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW RINGERS.

The ringers of Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich, combined with the ringers of St. Matthew's, Ipswich, and friends from other towers in the district, and had their first outing since the war on July 31st. It took the form of a tour of Essex by coach. Travelling via Colchester and Braintree, the first stop for ringing was at Stebbing (6), then calling at Ford End (6), and on to Little Waltham, where dinner was served. After ringing at the church, the next stops were at the round tower at Broomfield (6) and on to Springfield (6), Boreham (8), and on to Witham, where after tea a move was made for the last ringing at the Parish Church, Witham (8).

All agreed it had been a most enjoyable trip. The party, which included some of the ringers' wives, numbered 25. At Ford End was found the lightest ring in Essex, the tenor weighing only 4½ cwts. and treble 1½ cwt. They were a great contrast to those at Witham, with tenor of 18 cwt. During the day the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Treble Bob and Plain, also Bob Major, K.T.B. Major, and Double Norwich.

NORTON AND BALDOCK RINGERS' OUTING.

An August 28th a good number of ringers from Norton and Baldock, Herts, with friends from St. Ippolyts, Hotfold and Henlow, left for their first outing since before the war. First ring of the day was at St. Edmund's, Northampton, and St. Peter's. Lunch was arranged by Mr. Eric Nobles, who was also the guide. At the next call, Wellingborough, the first touch of Double Norwich came round well, and the party proceeded to Finedon. After tea came Raunds, the best ring of the day, and the last port of call was at Thrapston. The party's sincere thanks go to all who made this a most successful day.

SEAL CHART, KENT, RINGERS.

Folkestone was the destination of the ringers from St. Lawrence's Church, Seal Chart, Kent, when they went on an outing on August 7th, taking some friends with them. A stop was made at Sellinge on the outward journey, and at Charing on the return, for ringing, and they also rang at Folkestone during the afternoon. Thanks are due to all concerned for the use of the bells and the enjoyment of the outing.

WALKDEN, LANCS.

First post-war outing of St. Paul's, Walkden, was on August 14th under the leadership of Mr. J. Boyer. Ringing at St. Michael's, Middlewich, was followed by a tour around this interesting 17th century church, conducted by the Vicar's warden.

The Rector was waiting to welcome the party at St. Mary's, Nantwich, and explained features of this beautiful 12th century building. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the evening was spent in ringing in the central hexagonal tower. The only disappointment of the day was the absence through illness of the captain, Mr. John Potter.

FIFTY GLORIOUS YEARS

In appreciation of 50 years' devoted service to the church and choir by Mr. G. Eastwood and to Mr. J. Cunliffe, who for many years was a member of the choir, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Doubles, 1,440 changes, was rung at the Church at St. Paul, Cross Hone, Todmorden, Lancs, on August 22nd. Taking part were Clarence Huxley 1, Robert Uttley 2, Jeffrey Plowes 3, Derek Sanderson, R.A.F., 4, Colin R. Milthorp, R.N., 5, and Cyril Huxley 6. The conductor was Derek Sanderson.

Devon Guild Special Meeting

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a special meeting at Newton Abbot on August 28th, when ringers came from Rochdale (Lancs), Honiton Clyst, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh and Paignton. The president, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, of Ottery St. Mary, and the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis, also attended.

The bells of Wolborough Parish Church were kept going during the afternoon, and the visitors later adjourned to Highweek Parish Church for a special service, which was conducted by the Rev. P. C. Young (Rector). The service having concluded, bars of flowers were laid on the graves of two colleagues, the late Mr. C. R. Lilley and the late Mr. C. R. Walker, by the president in Highweek Churchyard, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at each grave by: J. E. Lilley 1-2, A. L. Bennett 3-4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5-6, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox 7-8.

Tea was at Abbot's Larder, Bank Street, and the visitors later moved back to Highweek Parish Church for further ringing. The methods rung throughout were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.—A. L. B.

JOINT MEETING AT REPTON

The joint meeting at Repton on August 21st of the Midland Counties Guild and the Derbyshire Association was attended, despite the heavy rain, by ringers from Derby, Alvaston, Ockbrook, Duffield, Ilkeston, Chellaston, Cheadle, Norton-in-the-Moors, Burton St. Paul's, Winshill, Ashley, Lullington, Overseal, Netherseale, Measham, Ticknall and Carmarthen, South Wales. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. Harcombe.

After tea in the Court House, Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the M.C.G., thanked the Vicar for use of the bells and the local people who had arranged the excellent meal.

During the afternoon and evening some good ringing was accomplished in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and an unsuccessful attempt at Duffield Major.

STANTON SURPRISE

By JOHN REEVES.

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, East Budleigh, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 3981

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. Note change of tower for this meeting from Ulcombe owing to condition of bells. 3925

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haworth, near Keighley, 'The Home of the Brontes,' on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3972

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. —G. C. Briggs, District Sec. 4029

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 4014

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington, Sept. 11th. —J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4008

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 4026

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Adlington on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—W. H. Shuker, F. Dunkerley, Hon. Secs. 4033

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Saturday, Sept. 11th. Ringing 3-4, St. Mary's R.C., Clapham. Tea, Williams and Son, Balham High Road, 4.15-5. Business 5.15-6 in St. Stephen's Hall, Ravenwood Road. Ringing 6-8 Clapham Park. Warm welcome to all.—A. F. Udall, District Sec. 4000

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Worth (6), September 11th. Tea available Youles Bakeries, Three Bridges. Transport if possible, or L.T. bus.—C. A. Bassett. 4048

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD & SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Joint meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), four miles from Newark, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2 15. Bring own food.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 4001

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Much Wenlock (Salop) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Ringing at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must notify me before Wednesday, Sept. 15th.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4062

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. —Saturday, Sept. 18th. Northaw (6) 3 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Norfolk Surprise. 4024

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in vestry 3. Service 4., followed by Association photograph outside church at 4.45. Tea 5 in St. Paul's Mission Church Room only to those who notify Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by Sept. 13th. Meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3977

OPEN RINGING DAY and Dedication of Peal Tablet, Moorside, Oldham, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, provided free. Notify Mr. I. Kay, 69, Firtree Lane, Bardsley, A.U.L., before Sept. 15th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. 4015

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea before the previous Thursday to G S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4012

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern. — Annual meeting, Old Hill, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4028

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Betchworth (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Holland, Oxted, Surrey, by Monday, 13th. 4027

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Chrishall (6) and Elmdon (6), Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No ringing at Elmdon until after tea, approx. 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 15th, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 3997

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—District meeting, Barton Stacey, on Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5, at the Plough Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Sept. 13th. 4003

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Payhembury, Sept. 18th. Service 4. Business and tea after. Names for tea by 15th to Rev. G. Ayre, The Vicarage, Payhembury, Honiton, Devon.—J. Arbury. 4034

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Upper Beeding (8), Sept. 18th, 3. Names by 15th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4037

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. Meeting, Wyke Regis, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by Sept. 14th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 4042

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—Hardingstoke, Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 4043

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Neston Parish Church (8), Sept. 18th, 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. J. Martin. 4041

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.— Cheltenham Branch.—Dumbleton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to C. Haines, 41, Dumbleton, near Evesham, by Sept. 18th.—Charles Rouse. 4044

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Monthly practice meeting at Enmore, Sept. 18th, at 6.30.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4055

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch. —Meeting will be held at Honingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Standing Committee meet 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall for all who let me know by Wednesday the 15th.—H. Tooke. The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4056

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—East Bridgeford (6). Invitation meeting, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Plain tea at Mason's Arms, 5.30. Names to H. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Notts, by Sept. 13th. 4058

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Institute. All names to J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, by Tuesday, Sept. 14th.—Jill Poole, J. W. Cotton. 4046

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—The memorial to the late Mr. G. Tumber will be dedicated at Teynham on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 6.30. Bells available to all from 5.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4054

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Weston-in-Gordano on Sept. 18th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4051

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston and Harborough Districts.—Joint meeting Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Swan, 31, Cossington Road, Sileby, by the 14th latest.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 4050

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fontmell Magna, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 4060

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Walkern, Sat., Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4057

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District. —Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room only for those who notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent, by Sept. 22nd. 4053

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.— Quarterly, Plympton St. Mary, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names by Sept. 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3980

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, Sept. 25th. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Stephen's (8) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting in St. Stephen's vestry 3.45, followed by the service at St. Stephen's Church at 4.45. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the County Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle, at 6, price 7s. 6d. each. Will persons intending being present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4039

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Luton District. —Meeting at Aspley Guise (6), Sept. 25th, 3. Tea 5.—Valerie Willard, Acting Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4047

HEREFORD GUILD and SALOP ASSN.— Combined meeting, Cound (6), Sept. 25th. Teas to C. Edwards, Cound, Salop. 4045

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District. —Meeting St. John's, Egham, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, limited to 40. Names for tea to Mr. R. Shepherd, The Forge, Limes Road, Egham.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4049

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly, Bottesford, Sept. 25th. Hourly bus service from Melton. Bells 1.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5, Rutland Cafe, for those notifying Mr. C. H. Jallands, Decorator, Bottesford, Nottingham, by 23rd.—W. A. Wood. 4038

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Burton-on-Stather, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5, moderate charge, but only for those who notify Mr. P. Barnes, Britannic, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous.— F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 4036

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LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at North Mimms, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, please, to Mrs. T. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, by Sept. 22nd. Train to High Barnet, thence 340 Welwyn Garden City bus to Corner Cafe, North Mimms.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4030

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow (6), on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells at 3. Tea 5. Please notify A. Gillings, Horringer, for tea not later than 22nd. 4061

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Cumnor, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify by the 21st.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4002

ST. ANDREW'S, ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—The new ring of ten bells installed by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. All ringers are invited to be present.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4040

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when the chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. prompt by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc. Ringing arrangements later. As accommodation is limited to 90, early application is advised. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) on application with remittance to L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3978

ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—Dedication of the new ring of 10, tenor 22¼ cwt., at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. Installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4059

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FIRST PEAL AT ST. BEES

THE prevalence of ringing tours this year inspired one of our readers to recall a peal rung at St. Bees, Cumberland, during a tour arranged by Mr. Frank Bennett and the late Mr. W. H. Fussell. At this ancient priory church, dedicated to St. Bega, an Irish saint who founded a small nunnery here *circa* 650 A.D., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on August 9th, 1933. Those taking part were :—

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...*Treble*		T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ...	4	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

The belfry is unlighted by either niche or window of any kind and there is no artificial lighting. It was only possible to attempt the peal after a friend had obtained some super candles. These were fixed on a wooden cruciform shaped holder, which was set on chains in the centre of the floor. The peal was well on the way when one of the candles was displaced, probably by the vibration, and threatened to set fire to the belfry. It was an occasion for quick action. Mr. James Simpson, whilst sticking to the tail end of his rope, made a dash and succeeded in extinguishing the offending flame.

This was not the only cause for the band being a little edgy. A convention of the directors of the famous theological college was also booked to take place the same afternoon, and the college is directly across the road. Although permission had been obtained to attempt the peal, the band was apprehensive of interference. Every moment 'shattering knocking on the door' was expected. Nothing happened, however, and the peal, an excellent one, was brought round in 3 hours and 9 minutes.

Full of interest is this old priory church, much of which is of Norman and Early English styles of architecture. The original chancel was a very noble edifice, *circa* 1200, and ranked high among contemporary buildings, not indeed for its size or delicacy of workmanship, but for beauty and design. When the priory was dissolved the whole church was unroofed and became an utter ruin. The tower fell, crushing the east wall of the south transept.

About 1611 the need of a parish church seemed to have been felt. The chancel was left in ruins. Through it the parishioners went, entering the church through the east tower arch. A wall was run up one bay from the west end, and the holy table was there placed. The necessary building was done in a rude but substantial way, the old domestic buildings serving as a quarry.

The church thus reversed remained in use until about the beginning of the last century, when the altar was moved to the eastern end of the nave and a diminutive chancel formed for it by an alcove. Restoration on a big scale took place in 1855 to designs by Mr. Butterfield, by which the transepts have been included in the body of the parish church. Those who rang the first peal at the Priory Church of St. Bega have certainly memories worth cherishing.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WEEK

The following peals were rung for the Cambridge University Guild during their Ringing Week in Manchester :—

MANCHESTER.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
At St. Thomas' Rectory, Lower Crumpsall,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Rev. R. St. J. Smith (Sel.)	1-2	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.)	5-6
C. W. Woolley (Sel.) ...	3-4	B. D. Price (Emmanuel)	7-8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood (Trin.).
Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

R. Leigh (St. Cath.)	*Treble*	C. W. Woolley (Sel.) ...	5
Rev. R. St. J. Smith (Sel.)	2	B. D. Price (Emmanuel)	6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.)	3	Rev. A. Thurlow (Sel.)	7
G. Dodds (Emmanuel)...	4	P. Williamson (Trin.)...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24 cwt.

P. Williamson (Trin.)	*Treble*	Rev. R. St. J. Smith (Sel.)	5
G. Dodds (Emmanuel)	2	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.)	6
Rev. B. Sheppard (Trin.)	3	C. W. Woolley (Sel.) ...	7
*B. D. Price (Emmanuel)	4	Rev. A. Thurlow (Sel.)	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. Haynes.
* First peal of Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Saviour,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

C. W. Woolley (Sel.)	*Treble*	B. D. Price (Emmanuel)	5
Rev. B. Sheppard (Trin.)	2	P. Williamson (Trin.)...	6
R. Leigh (St. Cath.) ...	3	Rev. A. Thurlow (Sel.)	7
G. Dodds (Emmanuel)...	4	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath.)	*Tenor*

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MANCHESTER.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

F. Haynes (St. Cath.)	*Treble*	*Rev. E. Benson (St. C.)	5
*P. Williamson (Trin.)	2	*B. D. Price (Emmanuel)	6
C. W. Woolley (Sel.)...	3	G. Dodds (Emmanuel)	7
*R. Leigh (St. Cath.)...	4	Rev. R. St. J. Smith (S.)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by P. K. Williamson.
* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Alan Elsmore ...	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton ...	6
Howard Howell ...	2	D. George Golder ...	7
Arthur V. Pearson ...	3	David Hingley	8
*Maurice G. Turner ...	4	George W. Hughes ...	9
William T. Powell ...	5	†Fred Bennett ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. F. Groves. Conducted by George W. Hughes.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Herbert C. Read	*Treble*	Patrick I. Chapman ...	6
Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	2	George Sayer	7
Arthur G. Bason ...	3	Arthur J. E. Smalls ...	8
H. William Barrett ...	4	George Bailey	9
*Brian Austin	5	Nolan Golden ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

William Hibbert ...	*Treble*	Reginald W. Rex	6
Mrs. Albert Diserens...	2	Maurice F. R. Hibbert	7
Cyril J. Hibbert	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins...	8
Herbert H. Alexander	4	Richard White	9
Walter F. Judge	5	Francis A. White	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COTTINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt.

Clement Glenn ...	*Treble*	Ronald H. Dove	5
Thomas H. Taffender...	2	John G. Hobson	6
James Bullock	3	James McCluskey ...	7
Philip H. Speck	4	Thomas Southwick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF NEW LONDON COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

H. William Barrett	*Treble*	George Sayer	5
Henry Tooke	2	Patrick I. Chapman ...	6
Nolan Golden	3	Charles H. Moore ...	7
Brian Austin	4	William Clover ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
The first peal in the method, No. 31 in the Central Council Collection. Composition, a six-part, contains 6th extent in 5-6 at course-ends.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOP MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Bernard J. Ongley	*Treble*	Denis Maddock	5
John Scott	2	Reginald W. Worrall	6
*Miss Elizabeth Morton	3	*A. Gordon Lawrence ...	7
*David Smith	4	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Little Bob. First peal of Little Bob as conductor. First peal of Little Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Tenor 14 cwt.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.*
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

John Wheadon ...	*Treble*	John Burles	5
Edward J. Beer	2	William J. Rawlings...	6
Alfred G. Hill	3	Alan Hall	7
*George Thompson ...	4	George J. Butcher	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal of Treble Bob. In memoriam James E. Bailey.

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AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HERBERT C. READ ...	...*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	5
JACK KING	2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	6
WALTER C. MEDLER ...	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
BRIAN AUSTIN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT ...	...*Treble*	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	5
ALBERT E. WHITING ...	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

W. E. MAULDEN ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	5
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* 150th peal together.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON ...	5
*FREDK. G. FRETWELL ...	2	*SIDNEY H. JONES	6
BARNABAS G. KEY ...	3	†JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. First in method as conductor.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM DUMBAR ...	...*Treble*	FRANK LITTLEFAIR	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	2	ERIC BRUNTON	6
LEONARD SCHOLES	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
WILLIAM PROCTER	4	CHARLES CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. R. NEWTON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
In memoriam Isaac Whalley.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

EDGAR BECKETT ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ...	5
WALTER C. MEDLER ...	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
HERBERT C. READ	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
CHARLES H. MOORE ...	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt.

*LEONARD M. JONES	...*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ...	2	JOHN T. WILLIAMS	6
†BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ...	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	TREVOR M. RODERICK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN W. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE...	2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ...	6
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	3	†JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ...	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* 100th peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ...	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	6
JOHN A. BROWN	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
THOMAS W. CROWE ...	4	ADAM DEAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR BELLAMY ...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR GIBBS	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE...	6
ENID WATSON	3	†WILLIAM J. WHITMORE...	7
ALBERT WILSON	4	‡CHARLES UNDERWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by E. E. WHITMORE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th the observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*DENNIS AIREY ...	...*Treble*	†RONALD AIREY	5
THOMAS COOKE	2	GEORGE F. NEWTON ...	6
†GORDON WALFORD ...	3	‡JACK R. WORRALL ...	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	§JOHN G. WERRELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples inside. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples and of Triples as conductor. § First peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY PAGE	...*Treble*	THOS. CULLINGWORTH...	5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	6
WILFRED W. RING ...	3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. CROSS ...	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	6
*ROBERT J. EDDEN ...	3	*KILBY R. HOLTOM ...	7
*JAMES W. BARBER ...	4	GEORGE F. BURTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE F. BURTON.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his engagement.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES SHARPLES	...*Treble*	RICHARD BLAKEY	5
JAMES LITTLEFAIR	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	6
FRANK LITTLEFAIR	3	LEONARD SCHOLES	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. SHARPLES.
A compliment to Rev. J. Dodd, who has completed 21 years as Vicar.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen, Fylingdales,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.		Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.	
Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	†Harold Spencer	5
Mrs. C. Glenn	2	Harold J. Poole	6
*Jack R. Worrall	3	Bert Sutton	7
Clement Glenn	4	Edward Hudson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First of Triples in the method. † First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Paul Birkett	*Treble*	*Harry Wild	5
Edward Jenkins	2	Alfred Smith	6
†Vernon Bottomley	3	‡William Ambler	7
Gordon Benfield	4	*Sam Longbottom	*Tenor*

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by William Ambler.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. ‡ First peal of Surprise as conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.		Tenor 11¾ cwt.	
*Miss Maureen Mabbutt	*Treble*	Mrs. G. E. Watson	4
Ronald Noon	2	Patrick I. Chapman	5
*Charles W. Partridge	3	Geoffrey E. Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal of Minor.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 12¾ cwt.	
William Ranford	*Treble*	C. William Nutt	4
Wm. H. A. Compton	2	Roland E. Lewis	5
George E. Large	3	Reginald Woodyatt	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
Miss Vera Draper	*Treble*	Jack Pounds	4
Miss Mary Ackers	2	Robert Critchley	5
Cuthbert Ackers	3	Arthur Mawdsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mawdsley.
Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. R. Critchley.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently.

*John Spicer	*Treble*	*Harold S. Peacock	4
*Chas. H. J. Gravette	2	†Stanley Gilbert	5
*L. Frank Baker	3	Frank Warrington	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington,
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
Sidney Marshall	*Treble*	Edward Barker	4
Leslie W. Houghton	2	William Buckenham	5
Ernest H. Mastin	3	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Buckenham.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight extents each of Accrington Place Bob, Place Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, six extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob (four callings in each method).

		Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in A.	
*Derek Whitford	*Treble*	Richard Blakey	3
Charles W. Blakey	2	Chris. M. P. Johnson	4
Roger Leigh			*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal.

GAINFORD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*Dennis Airey	*Treble*	†Ronald Airey	4
Herbert H. Abrahams	2	‡Thomas Cooke	5
Denis A. Frith	3	Jack R. Worrall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer. First peal on the bells.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven callings.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
Sidney Flint	*Treble*	Ronald Kenrick	4
Margaret Ridyard	2	John Hale	5
Thos. S. Horridge	3	*Wm. H. Deacon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Deacon.
* 50th peal. Rung for the wedding of the Rev. Derek Garland.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*Miss Madeleine Ough	*Treble*	*Ronnie James	4
*Miss Pauline Collier	2	Ronald D. Airey	5
*Miss Mary Reed	3	†Dennis R. Airey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald D. Airey.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*Edward W. Colley	*Treble*	Charles E. Edwards	4
Edward Hill	2	Leslie Evans	5
William H. Lloyd	3	*John Colley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Evans.
* First peal.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.		Tenor 7 cwt.	
*Reg. Holmes	*Treble*	Fred Messenger	4
*Mrs. Neal	2	Ernest Cadle	5
Fred Absolom	3	Harry Snell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred Messenger.
* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. Fred Absolom, who was married in this church.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 12¾ cwt.	
Charles E. J. Norris	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	4
William A. J. Knight	2	Trevor A. Cross	5
*Eric Naylor	3	Victor A. Jarrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Victor A. Jarrett.
* First peal of Minor.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
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 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

DAVID SLEET	*Treble*	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...	4
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	HAROLD A. MAY	5
GEORGE L. GROVER ...	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in seven methods.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON...	*Treble*	GEORGE T. BUNNING ...	4
*MRS. EDITH OVENS ...	2	VINCENT R. OVENS ...	5
†SIDNEY MARSHALL ...	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	*Treble*	JOHN W. TAYLOR	4
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ...	2	ALFRED J. HINDE	5
*MARGARET BEAMISH ...	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
* First in four methods. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of two esteemed Guild members, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinde, of Bulkington. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Cambridge and 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD W. STEWARD ...	*Treble*	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	4
*GEORGE W. PIPE	2	*ARTHUR C. BUTTON ...	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal in four methods. Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A flat.

HANDBELL PEALS

SEDGEBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT AUBYNS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 18 in G.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON... ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 159, MONKS ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor size 13 in E.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	1-2	*KENNETH S. B. CROFT ...	5-6
JOHN FREEMAN	3-4	*JOHN WALDEN	7-8

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' as conductor.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*RONALD H. BULLEN ...	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
†MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4	‡OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First handbell peal away from the tenors. † First handbell peal on an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal 'in hand.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A Cheshire - Yorkshire combination have had an enjoyable week in Somerset. Fourteen peals (all Surprise) were rung. These included Cambridge Royal at Wells Cathedral, where the tenor was turned in by Messrs. James C. E. Simpson and John Worth. This is the heaviest peal of Surprise Royal yet rung. Bristol Surprise Major was rung at Sherborne Abbey with John Worth on the tenor.

The band in the peal at Northfleet, Kent, on August 28th, represented eight towers in North Kent.

Owing to catering difficulties, the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association has been postponed from Oct. 2nd until Oct. 16th.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Cefn Coed on August 7th was the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, not the Rev. I. J. Richardson as stated.

To assist those ringers who wish to attend the Ladies' Guild meeting at North Mimms on September 25th, the 340 Welwyn Garden City bus is an hourly service, leaving High Barnet Station at 10 minutes past each hour.

The peals of Superlative Surprise Major at Framsden, Suffolk, Cambridge Surprise Major at Helmingham and Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, were especially arranged for Messrs. Pearson, Pritchard and Speake, of Wolverhampton.

It is not often one hears of the bells being the oldest part of a church. But Braunston, Northants, where a peal was rung recently (writes Mr. P. Amos), has this distinction. The bells were all cast by Briant, of Hertford, in 1811. The church was built in 1849, and is said to be the third one on the same site. St. Michael's, Stamford, has a similar record: bells all dated 1762, and the church built 1836, but for several years these bells (6) have been unringable.

One hundred years ago on September 4th, 1848, Thurstans' Five-part peal of Grandsire Triples was first called at Hexham, Northumberland. To mark this anniversary, a band of ringers went to Hexham to repeat the performance, while another band rang the same composition at Irchester, Northants. An account of the Hexham peal attempts can be found on another page, and both peals are published in this issue.

Mr. Charles E. Edwards has now completed the 'circle' at Cound, Shropshire, tower.

Three ringers in the peal at Great Crosby, Lancs, have now rung Oxford from Minor to Maximus. They are Messrs. W. H. Deacon, R. Kenrick and T. S. Horridge.

The Universities' Ringing Week at Chester was highly successful. Three peals and two quarters were rung. The story of the week will appear in our next issue.

The peal at Gressenhall on September 5th was the first scored by a lady on the bells since they were rehung in 1881, Mr. L. W. Houghton, of Thetford, Norfolk, informs us.

Mr. Charles Sharples, who conducted the peal of Plain Bob Major at the Church of Emmanuel, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, on September 5th, called his first peal there 50 years ago.

A member of the band who rang a peal of Whitminster Surprise Major at Rolvenden, Kent, on Sept. 4th, Mr. Peter D. Huckstepp first handled a bell rope in February this year and has made remarkable progress since.

Mr. F. I. Hairs informs us that the last peal at St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Clapham, previous to the peal of Superlative Surprise on August 2nd was one of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late Harry Mance in 1910. Mr. T. H. Taffender's Stedman Triples was rung two years previous to this. In all five peals have been rung in this church.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

THIS Association was established in February, 1824, in the reign of George IV., and derives its original name (The St. James' Society) from the fact that its early meetings were held at the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell, in which parish its headquarters remained for some time. These were then moved to Christ Church, Southwark, and again in 1839 the headquarters were moved to the Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand. After 102 years in this headquarters the famous building was ultimately destroyed by fire during the London blitz of 1941. Shortly after this catastrophe, news was received, with great regret, of the passing of our Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes', followed soon afterwards by the announcement of the death of his wife, Mrs. Pennington-Bickford.

Instituted originally as a minor, or auxiliary, society, where aspiring candidates for the two great companies of ringers, the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths, might meet for instruction in the noble art of change ringing, the structure of the society gradually developed to the Association as it is known to-day. By virtue of its use as a common ground where proficients from both of the great companies can meet and ring peals together, many remarkable performances are recorded in the peal books, the following being a few examples :—

12,096 Grandsire Caters at Fulham in 1837, this being, at that time, the longest number of changes ever rung by one set of men; 7,325 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in 1837; 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, in 1848; 7,127 Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes', in 1852; the first peal of Surprise in the Metropolis, being 5,600 of Superlative Surprise Major, at Bethnal Green, in 1850; 5,040 Grandsire Triples at Prestbury, Gloucestershire, in 1886, being the first peal in which the seven working bells were rung by priests of the Church of England; and 5,011 Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch by six fathers and six sons in 1928. Regarding performances on bells retained in hand, the two following will be of interest, particularly as they were rung so soon after the establishment of the Association and performed by leading members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths: 5,014 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours 28 minutes at the Whittington and Cat, Bethnal Green, being the first peal of Stedman Cinques on bells retained in hand :—

Henry Haley	1—2
John Cox	3—4
George E. Ferris ...	5—6
Matthew A. Wood	7—8
William Cooter ...	9—10
James Dwight ...	11—12

5,040 Stedman Triples. Brooks' variation of Thurstans' Four-part, in 2 hours 41 minutes, at the Whittington and Cat :—

John Cox	1—2
William Cooter ...	3—4
Henry Haley	5—6
Matthew A. Wood	7—8

This peal was rung non-conducted, no sign or signal being made throughout and performed in the presence of competent judges who pronounced it a masterpiece of handbell ringing.

All peals rung by the Association are recorded in professional illuminated writing and are contained in four volumes of leather bound peal books. The current volume of these is always available for inspection at the annual general meetings of the Association.

EXPANSION OF SOCIETY.

In the autumn of the year 1903, the St. James' Society was still doing good work for London change ringing, but the altered circumstances which a period of close upon 80 years had brought to pass called for serious action by the Society. The following main considerations were then advanced in favour of expansion of the Society :—

(1) When the St. James' Society started on its career, and for many years afterwards, London ringers lived within a comparatively narrow circle, and the ordinary meetings were sufficient to enable members of both the old companies to meet together, but, by 1903, the expansion of London and the suburbs had resulted in the ordinary meetings being quite insufficient for social intercourse amongst the members of the London Exercise at large.

(2) No body similar to the County or Diocesan Associations, formed for the promotion of belfry reform, and the higher interests of the Exercise, existed to operate over the whole of the Metropolitan area.

(3) The permanent establishment of a periodical press for the Exercise had brought so many interesting subjects forward for the consideration of ringers that it was felt that opportunities should be given for scientific and other discussion at meetings of the London Exercise at large.

(4) It was made a fundamental principle that nothing should be done to impair the dignity or privileges of the two veteran London companies, the College Youths and the Cumberland Youths.

The expansion of the old St. James' Society into the London County Association of Change Ringers was accordingly effected in the autumn of the year 1903, in order to fulfil the requirements outlined.

That this important change achieved its object was shown by the many successful district meetings held in all parts of London during the next few years. The success, however, led to further and important changes, owing to the growing impossibility on the part of the officers to keep pace with the work involved by the change. At the annual meeting in 1911, therefore, it was resolved to divide the work of the Association by the formation of a Northern and Southern District with separate officers, but maintaining the headquarters as before at St. Clement Danes'.

A further improvement was thought desirable at the annual meeting held in 1929, when, the Lord Bishop of Southwark having given his consent, the name of the 'North Southwark Diocesan Guild' was added to the title of the Association.

A unique feature of each annual general meeting of the Association is the handbell contest for the 'Dawe Cup,' which was instituted to encourage the improvement of striking on tower bells.

The cup was presented to the Association in 1933 by Mr. Francis E. Dawe, and is competed for by association members. Each band entering for the competition must consist of members of any one particular tower in the area of the Association. The performance required of each band entering is to ring a specified number of rounds and a full course of any method on eight bells, the main consideration being correct and good striking.



ST. CLEMENT DANES',
With St. Bride's and St. Paul's Cathedral in distance.

THE MASTER'S CHAIN.

The late hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., who has held office of one appointment or another for 56 years, is a prominent figure in the life and well-being of the Association. In addition to holding office in every position other than that of Master, he was the author of the design of the very fine certificate of membership and the designer and donor of the Association's chain of office as worn by the General Master.

The basis of the design of the certificate bears reference to the origin and change of name of the original society. In a central position the general view of London showing St. Paul's and Southwark Cathedrals is typical of the wide scope of the Association, while in medallions appear views of St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Clement Danes' Churches. The mitres shown relate to the bishoprics of London and Southwark, in which the County of London lies.

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Sheffield & District Society

SIX-BELL COMPETITION.

Thrybergh Church was chosen for the annual six-bell competition. Its delightful ring, which has recently been augmented from five to six and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. J. Taylor, is all that can be desired.

As there were only three entries, each team succeeded in getting a place. Handsworth St. Mary's for the second year in succession were the winners of the silver cup, with Sheffield Cathedral second, and Whiston third. The winning team had a lady ringer, which is unusual for the competition, and consisted of Mrs. J. E. Turley, Messrs. J. Brothwell, W. H. Taylor, J. G. Brothwell, J. J. L. Gilbert and J. E. Turley. Mrs. D. Kelly and Mr. M. Fowler were judges. The test piece consisted of 360 changes, and a high standard of striking was attained by all three teams.

Thirty ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent tea, after which the Rector, the Rev. G. Kenneth Dixon, welcomed the Society on their first visit to his tower and invited them to come again. The bells were then available for open ringing until 9 p.m. The bright summer weather and pleasant surroundings and kind hospitality of the local people made the event a very enjoyable occasion. H. O. C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

With the help of visitors from Wrington, Guildford and Hereford, some good ringing was enjoyed at the meeting of the Gloucester Branch, Gloucester and Bristol Association, at Norton on September 4th. Methods included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, and several of the 24 members present rang their first touch in these methods, valuable progress being made.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. (continued).

Amongst the decorative accessories of the design are the emblems of St. James—the pilgrim staff and wallet—and St. Clement—the anchor and escallop shell. Also included are the diocese arms of London and Southwark and the county arms of Middlesex and Kent, also the shields for the cities of London and Westminster. The art of campanology is represented by the bells shown (one ' at hand ' and the other at ' back '), while Science and Music are shown by the appropriate tablets and figures.

Reference is made to St. Clement Danes' by allusion to the world famous folk song with swags of handbells, oranges and lemons, also the signature E flat major which was the key of St. Clement's tenor and bells.

Finally the clasped hands and " three in one ' with the monograms C.Y. and R.C. allude to the joint action of the two ancient societies, who in 1824 formed the St. James' Society and are, therefore, progenitors of the present London County Association.

After the original master's badge of office had been lost, Mr. Young designed the central star of the new emblem as similar to the old one as he could remember, and added a bell and anchor in panels above the initials R.C.Y. and A.C.Y. with the dates 1824 and 1924.

Mr. Young presented the new emblem to the Association in 1924.

Owing to conditions in Central London during the war years it was considered advisable to suspend meetings, consequently a break in the Association's normal activities resulted from the last meeting at St. Clement Danes' in July, 1940, to the resuscitation of meetings in November, 1945, the first being held at St. Stephen's, Westminster, and St. Gabriel's, Pimlico.

Since this date the Association has proceeded apace with its normal activities of arranging ringing and business meetings, ringing the bells of towers in London having very few or no local ringers for Sunday services and assisting in the formation of new bands at various towers.

OUTINGS

LOST—A KEY.

On a recent Saturday a party of Gloucester ringers and friends spent an enjoyable day in Somerset. The first call was at Bridgwater, where the fine-toned eight were found somewhat tricky to handle.

At old-world Dunster the excellent eight were much enjoyed. After lunch in Minehead, the party proceeded to St. Michael's, which has one of the best appointed ringing rooms in the country. The lovely ten were found to match the ringing room and provided the high spot of the day and some good ringing was enjoyed.

When the descent to ground level was made it was only to find the door securely locked! Banging and shouting soon produced help, but not the key, which could not be found! However, although the precaution of taking the key up had not been taken, another in the form of a locksmith had, and he, with the aid of a piece of bent wire and much vocal encouragement from the rest, soon succeeded in releasing the ringers. Subsequently it was learned that the key was found tucked beneath a hassock in the church!

Thanks are due to the organiser and those friends who met us at the various towers. W.S.

MACCLESFIELD RINGERS.

On Saturday, September 4th, the ringers of Christ Church, Macclesfield, held their outing, and went to Shrewsbury. The first halt was at Market Drayton, where Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples and London Surprise Major were rung. After a pleasant hour the party proceeded to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, where the fine toned ring of twelve was soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. The journey home was via Crewe and Sandbach.

J. W.

R.A.F., CRANWELL, SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 28th, the recently formed R.A.F., Cranwell, Society paid a short visit to six towers in the Leadenham district. A band of 12 ringers travelled by bus and at least an hour was spent at each of the following six-bell towers: Fulbeck, Barkston, Brant Broughton, Leadenham, Wellingore and Navenby. Methods rung were from rounds and Grandsire for the beginners to Surprise Minor, including Durham and London for the slightly more advanced.

' Home ' was reached at 10 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. A. R.

CHEDDAR RINGERS.

On Saturday, August 28th, St. Andrew's, Cheddar, ringers, with friends from Badgworth and East Brent, had a coach outing to Bournemouth and en route Wincanton and Blandford parish churches were visited.

They were joined at Bournemouth by Mr. H. A. Mitchell for touches of Grandsire and Stedman at St. John's, and on the homeward run a stop was made at Castle Cary Parish Church. Thanks are extended to all who contributed to the success of the outing. E.C.W.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Cambridge Branch was held at the two five-bell towers at Fen Ditton and Horningsea on August 21st. The meeting was poorly attended, members and friends being present from Bromham, Beds, Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, Fen Ditton, Harston and Trumpington.

Ringing during the afternoon was at Fen Ditton, where the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Stanbury, who also presided at the business meeting which followed tea held at the Barn Cafe.

The following were elected members: Messrs. H. J. Allgood, S. J. Poole, H. A. Warner, M. H. C. West, all of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, and Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock, Herts, was elected a non-resident life member. After tea a move was made to Horningsea. Various methods were rung, including spliced Stedman and Grandsire.

Cambridge University Guild

FOUR PEALS DURING RINGING WEEK.

The annual Ringing Week of the Cambridge University Guild was held in the Manchester area from August 30th to September 4th. Ten members were present during the week, though only eight were able to stay for the whole time. The week was arranged by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, and the headquarters was the Masons Arms Hotel at Whitefield.

In spite of the petrol shortage, which made it necessary to do all journeys by public transport, it was found possible to carry out the programme in full, and 16 towers were visited. The number of members able to be present was much smaller than of recent years, but this did not have any adverse effect upon the standard of ringing, which was maintained at a high level throughout the week.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature was the success with peals; four peals in four attempts on tower bells must be about a record for the Guild weeks, and the only casualty was an attempt for Double Norwich on handbells.

At the business meeting, held on the Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. B. D. Price's offer to organise the Guild Week for 1949 in or near Brighton, it being considered that an offer to arrange it in Dorset, though very attractive, would be better held over for a while until the petrol situation appeared more propitious. By seven votes to two it was decided that the week next year should start on Monday, August 29th. A motion to alter the rules so as to maintain the present masculine character of the Guild was put to the vote, and lost by the narrow majority of five to four.

The week, as previous ones, had its lighter moments; the organiser's private ' commando course ' to the station providing a number of these. Then there is the story of the man who turned his bed round in order to have his head right by the open window—and was later found asleep with his feet on the pillow!

The practice at the Town Hall on the Wednesday evening afforded the opportunity of meeting many friends, old and new, and the hearty welcome received from both ringers and clergy throughout the week will long be remembered with gratitude. R. D. St. J. S.

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART PEAL

Page 70 of Snowdon's ' Grandsire ' mentions what is believed to be the first performance of this peal of Grandsire Triples. This was achieved by the Union Society of Newcastle-upon-Tyne on September 4th, 1848, at Hexham, Northumberland, when the conductor was Robert Balmbra.

Exactly 100 years later to the day another band assembled at the Central Station, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with Hexham as the destination and the objective an attempt to commemorate the earlier performance by ringing the same composition in that same tower.

On arrival at Hexham Abbey the band was welcomed by the curate and two members of the local company, who conducted the visitors to the belfry and wished them success in their attempt. The first attempt lasted only a few minutes and came to grief through the omission of a call. The set-back did not daunt the band, but acted as a spur. The second attempt produced a first-rate peal with the band easing the strain on the conductor's voice by leaving him nothing to do but call bobs and singles. This time all the calls were inserted, 170 singles and 75 bobs, the only fault being one bob which was changed in the same breath to a single.

The old Union Society of Newcastle has long since ceased to exist, but ringing in Newcastle and district continues under its successor, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, founded in 1877. Robert Balmbra and his band of 1848 would find many changes in ringing since their days if they could return, but I think that they would have agreed that, despite the innovations, the present generation can still ring a good peal of Grandsire Triples.

D.A.B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ringing in Kent

DR. HATCHER'S REPLY TO MR. BOTTRILL

Dear Sir,—It is difficult to understand the purpose of Mr. W. Bottrill's letter in this week's 'Ringing World.' His last paragraph is, of course, a bad horticultural analogy. Prunings are always discarded and are the worst possible material for propagating, however excellent the soil. To 'bring forth new life' it is necessary to take a 'cutting' or 'layer' with the appropriate parental background if there is to be any hope of establishing a new offspring. So with ringing, lopped off chunks of any ringing area have little chance of separate survival unless they have received adequate preparation in their parent organisation.

Again, the healthily growing tree revigorates itself seasonally by the bursting forth of new buds; the healthily developing ringing association renews itself continually by the bursting forth of new recruits into the belfry with the full energy of youth. With its large membership, including many youngsters, flocking to the district meeting eighty at a time, the Canterbury District of Kent is beyond doubt bursting with new life.

Mr. Bottrill refers to the black spots existing within the areas of our largest and most peal-prolific associations, with Canterbury the target for direct fire. (By the way, Mr. Bottrill should check up on his measuring; I doubt if the whole of Kent represents a 30-mile radius.) It would appear that the 200 members of this district are for the most part pseudo-ringers who cannot manage their bell, or are grossly oblivious of this, and do not worship their ringing ancestors as they should. For this the Kent County Association must hold itself responsible, the situation having arisen because of unwieldiness.

But how could splitting the county produce a greater abundance of first-class teachers? Admittedly the present influx of recruits is making impossible demands on the available instructors, but surely this is no time for defeatism, but for utilising the association organisation to the full. There is, in fact, a job of work for everyone, and the problem will be solved only as active centres of ringing enthusiasm spread their influence. Meantime the standard of ringing will inevitably vary from tower to tower.

Furthermore it must be realised that this is an era of youth who cannot be suppressed as once they might have been (however good for their souls) but who must be given scope and freedom. With proper treatment they will respond, and instinctively their own standards will rise until a new tradition is born, worthy of this or any other time.

Working backwards through Mr. Bottrill's letter we arrive at his mention of association aims. One gathers that the furtherance of Sunday service ringing may sometimes be neglected, that the cultivation of the art of change ringing has made noteworthy progress, and that belfry reform is rather an obsolete quest. There is much discernment in these conclusions, but they are valid irrespective of the size of the organisation.

For to end where Mr. Bottrill began, the histories of the great territorial associations of our ringing Exercise illustrate over and over again that their fortunes, good or bad, reside in the efforts of individual men and women who have led their fellows.

Now where would Mr. Bottrill lead us? Candidly I still do not know.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sept. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Hutchinson 1, Miss M. Gooing 2, E. Liversedge 3, A. Stamp 4, G. Tuke 5, P. E. North (first in method as cond.) 6, H. E. North 7, T. C. Ryder 8. For the dedication of the St. Luke Mission Church. Carklow.

The Kent Tour

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal attempt in the Vicar's vestry at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, was never lost through excessive 'speeding' as stated in the report of the Kent tour, in fact the pace at times was quite the reverse! The first half of the peal took 1 hour and 25 minutes as against the average time for a peal of 5,040 'in hand' on the bells of 2 hours and 15 minutes, with a tenor size 15 in C (the same as at Broadstairs).

I called 'Stand' in the first part of the second half as in my opinion the ringing in general was not good enough. For instance, 3-4 were over at one time and we also repeated a lead. Once the tenors struck 8-7 at back-stroke. In view of these unfortunate errors I thought fit to call a halt. Some people may think I am too particular (I know one who would get a peal round at any price), but my standard is a good, clean, true peal, and if this cannot be obtained, I think it best to try again another day.—Yours sincerely,

Newmarket. JOHN A. ACRES.

THE STRANGER AND HIS WELCOME

Sir, — Compared with the long service of notable figures like Mr. James George, I am a newcomer to the world of ringing, and I have always been told by most ringers that wherever a ringer goes he is welcome in almost all towers and enjoys the hospitality of fellow-ringers. I wonder if this is so? If it is, why don't we see more particulars of ringing displayed in the entrances to our churches?

I have only come across this thoughtful act once, and that at Canterbury, which saved me endless waiting to enquire into the possibilities of a ring. At Birmingham, I and another ringer unknown to me waited for an hour one Sunday evening, both with the same purpose, possibly being of some assistance to the band. After enquiring of various officials we were told that the bells were not rung for evensong except one Sunday in the month. A notice to this effect would have saved us, and possibly many others, a long wait. I commend such a notice to all tower secretaries.

I have been in towers at Darlington, Richmond, Lichfield, Tamworth and many others where I have been most welcome, but, on the other hand, I have had experience of entering a belfry and not even being asked if I was a ringer! I might add that I am an attached ringer and most of the above has been experienced during military service. So, as a comparative recruit, perhaps someone will tell me whether I *should* expect to be welcomed at other towers, or whether ringers take their ringing too much for granted.—Yours, etc.,

'DUFFIELD.'

REMARKABLE FEAT OF METHOD RECORDING

Dear Sir,—The well-known ringing machine invented by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse can readily be adapted for printing diagrams of methods by using a simple pen attachment. Its versatility in this direction has been strikingly demonstrated recently. On the publication of my first series of the Surprise Majors, Mr. Woodhouse provided me with half-course diagrams of the whole hundred methods; and since the 370 Surprise Majors were issued a few weeks ago he has completed the series by printing off the additional 270 diagrams. The collection includes both short-lead (Little) Surprise methods and long-lead Surprise Majors like Eryri (48 rows) and Champion (64 rows), all of which have been printed off as readily as the normal 32-row leads.

I feel that such a remarkable demonstration by Mr. Woodhouse of the adaptability of his machine deserves to be placed on record. I am deeply indebted to him for his co-operation, and shall have all the diagrams bound into a unique and lasting record of our present-day Surprise Major methods.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. C.

Accrington Place Bob

Dear Sir,—If we are to 'get tough' with Doubles methods we must omit the word 'place' in describing a method which contains dodging.

Incidentally Accrington is much more pleasant to the ear if reversed, when the bells in 4-5 dodge till the treble intervenes. The method then falls into the Saints—Alphage, Osmund, Vedast — group with their peculiar front work, and has never been rung.—Yours faithfully, NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

REFORM WANTED

Sir,—'Camper' is right! Due entirely to the fantastic licensing laws of this country, famous bands are compelled to drink coffee after Sunday morning ringing. This is a scandalous position!

We have long advocated the necessary reforms.—Yours, etc.,

H. H. Fearn,	Wilfred E. Box.
F. E. Haynes.	Sidney O'C. Holloway.
J. Pinfold.	G. Wm. Critchley.
J. F. Harvey.	A. Walker.
Thomas H. Reeves.	J. S. Mason.
J. N. Lindon.	J. Frank Smallwood.
E. V. Allaway.	

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BODELWYDDAN.

The beautiful marble church at Bodelwyddan was the venue for the North Wales ringers attending the half-yearly meeting on Saturday, September 4th. Towers represented were Bangor, Llandudno, Rhyl, Buckley, Hawarden, Gresford and Wrexham, also visitors from Bristol, Crewe, Bowden and Chester. The bells were kept going in various methods for an hour. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. E. Morgan, who also presided at the business meeting which followed.

A letter from the Bishop of St. Asaph was read, in which he expressed his appreciation of the work that the Association was doing, and he hoped that incumbents of parishes would take steps to encourage the young people to come forward to learn and practise the art.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held jointly with the Chester Guild. The business was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to Miss Marjorie Jones, who deputised as organist for the service at very short notice. Before tea at the Wayside Cafe the tower was again visited by some members for further ringing, while others who were interested in horticulture were taken on a tour by the Vicar through the Vicarage gardens.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT STURRY

The Canterbury District of the Kent County Association held another enjoyable meeting on Saturday, September 4th. The afternoon turned out to be fine and warm, and the sixty or so members and friends who took the road to Sturry were amply rewarded for their trouble.

The fine ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon until service time, which was held in the church, specially decorated for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. French. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Risdon Brown, who gave the ringers a welcome to the tower, and a few thoughts to take away with them. Mr. E. Seath was the organist.

Tea was taken on the lawn at the Sturry Court Hotel. Two new members were elected. On behalf of those present, Mr. J. A. Russell thanked the Vicar and organist for their part of the day's programme. He also thanked Mr. and Mrs. French for the great amount of trouble they had taken to ensure the members had an enjoyable day. Further ringing was held until late evening, methods up to Cambridge being practised.

Middlesex County Association

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRENTFORD.

The South and West District held a very successful meeting at Brentford on Saturday, August 28th, attended by 40 members and friends. Ringing in a variety of methods, with rounds for the learners under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Bannister, assisted by his deputy, Mr. W. Webb, was very much enjoyed.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Pitt, who gave a very interesting address on bells and their relation to Church and State. The collection was for the Bishop of London's reconstruction fund.

A generous tea, provided by Mrs. Pitt and her band of lady helpers, was taken in the Church Hall. At the business meeting the chair, at the invitation of the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, was taken by the Vicar, who expressed his sorrow at the grievous loss the Association had just sustained by the death of their president, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Twickenham. Mr. Coles, in reply, paid tribute to the sterling qualities of the late president, who was loved by all, and only those who knew him well could fully appreciate the loss to the Association by the passing of such an outstanding personality.

The secretary reminded members of the approach of one of the outstanding events of the year, the joint meeting with the Oxford Guild at Hillingdon on October 2nd, when a record attendance was expected at this great social gathering.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the ladies, the organist and to the Master of the tower, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds, and the local ringers for their kindness in helping to make the meeting such a success.

JUBILEE OF CADOXTON BELLS

An invitation was given to the members of the Southern District, Swansea and Brecon Guild, to visit Cadoxton for their September meeting. About 25 ringers attended and the bells, which were put in by J. Taylor and Co. in 1898, were rung during the afternoon and evening in methods up to London Surprise Minor. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Ishmael, and the address given by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Rees. Tea was provided by the ladies and was taken in the Church Hall.

A meeting followed and the Vicar was in the chair and gave a welcome to the Guild members. He congratulated Mr. D. J. Lewis, who was present and had learnt to ring on the new bells in 1898 and was still an active ringer with his son, Mr. G. I. Lewis, and his grandson, Mr. D. G. Lewis, who is just starting to learn. The chairman remarked it would be nice to think that in 50 years' time there would be a Lewis still ringing there. Sketty was chosen for the December meeting. Thanks were accorded to all for a successful meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Powerstock is a delightful unspoiled Dorset village and was invaded by the Guild for the first time on Saturday, September 4th, for a quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch. Though not too easy of access, some 25 members turned up and made good use of the heavy ring of five. Mr. Jim Shepherd, of Swindon, provided the 'surprise' of the afternoon and all were glad to welcome him after his recent spell in hospital.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. F. Chase, followed by an ample tea in the Village Hall. At the business meeting Lyme Regis was chosen for the next meeting on October 23rd in preference to the original choice, Symondsbury, owing to adverse conditions there. After tea the Rector's daughter shared in some handbell touches.

The Rector, organist and those who provided the tea were warmly thanked and it is hoped this first visit of the branch will prove an encouragement to the local ringers, who are nursing the prospect of augmenting their bells.

QUARTER PEALS

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jill Brittain 1, Margaret Pitstow 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, M. E. H. Pitstow 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, A. J. Adams 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. E. Pitstow 8. Rung for the christening of the daughter of the 4th ringer.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Aug. 28th, quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. W. Blake (first as cond.) 1, W. R. Jackson (first quarter) 2, Miss M. P. Flynn 3, P. Williams 4, E. D. Wilson (first quarter) 5, C. E. J. Blake (first quarter) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE. — At St. Mary Magdalene's on Sept. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Hayward 1, W. H. Bloor 2, B. H. Head 3, W. G. Head 4, T. Tyler 5, H. G. Thomas 6, W. Overton (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and first in the method by 1, 2, 5 and 8.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Sept. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (on the light 8): W. Oatway 1, R. Davies 2, E. Razzell (first in the method) 3, R. Abbott (first away from treble) 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, F. E. Mitchell 8.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints' on Sept. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, J. Blythe (first quarter of Minor) 2, J. R. G. Spicer (first of Minor 'inside') 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. H. J. Gravette 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

LAMBETH, S.E. — On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, C. A. Hughes 4, W. Brainch 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Rumens 1, C. Hughes 2, A. W. Brighton 3, Mrs. F. E. Housden 4, R. W. Stannard 5, F. E. Housden 6, G. Dawson 7, E. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for the 79th birthday of R. W. Stannard.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, C. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, G. Daynes 4, E. Jones 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, J. Dafters 7, W. Packer 8. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to C. Walker.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 4th at St. Michael's, 1,260 Doubles (360 of April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. H. Allport (first 'inside') 1, P. Beresford 2, W. J. Cope 3, F. A. Sedgewick 4, D. Beresford (cond.) 5, M. N. Culling 6. First quarter in three methods by all the band and as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Cowlishaw.

MORTON, DERBYS.—At Holy Cross Church on Sept. 1st, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 of Kent, 360 of Oxford, 360 of Plain Bob and 240 of Little Bob: F. Clarke 1, B. A. Richards 2, B. Wheeler 3, M. Richards 4, E. Sterland 5, W. Swain (cond.) 6. For the funeral of Mr. F. Knowles, jun., a ringer at Morton for several years.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. A. Timms (first quarter) 1, A. Roberts 2, T. W. Sheppard (conductor) 3, Miss M. D. Reeves (first of Triples 'inside') 4, F. Brassington 5, W. B. Ellender (first of Triples 'inside') 6, R. W. Hayne 7, D. E. Ellender 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—At Christ Church on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Bowden 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, S. G. Peck 3, A. H. Russell 4, H. Miller 5, J. G. Nash 6, S. Wade (conductor) 7, M. Fensom 8. A birthday compliment to David Wright on his 88th birthday.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Triples: Margaret Baker 1, F. Wright 2, Valerie Wallis 3, Edna Sills 4, R. Sills 5, P. Wright (cond.) 6, C. Mills 7, M. Usmar 8. First of Bob Triples by all the band. A farewell to F. P. Wright on being posted abroad.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—At the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, Kent, commencing Sept. 25th, monthly practice last Saturday each month, 3 to 4.30 p.m., replacing that held on last Thursday. Beginners welcomed. For further particulars apply Mr. F. C. W. Knight, 17 Winchester Road, Orpington, Kent.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 4100

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The address of Mr. Fred Hodgson is now 103, Union Road, Liversedge, Yorks. 4067

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MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in vestry 3. Service 4 followed by Association photograph outside church at 4.45. Tea 5 in St. Paul's Mission Church Room. Meeting on same premises immediately afterwards. — L. W. G. Morris, General Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3977

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. Meeting, Wyke Regis, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. —J. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 4042

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 4012

WORCESTERSHIRE. — Northern. — Annual meeting, Old Hill, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting at Chrishall (6) and Elmdon (6), Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No ringing at Elmdon until after tea, approx. 6.30 p.m. 3997

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—District meeting, Barton Stacey, on Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5, at the Plough Inn. 4003

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Payhembury, Sept. 18th. Service 4. Business and tea after.—J. Arbury. 4034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Dumbleton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5.30. Tea 5.15.—Charles Rouse. 4044

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Institute. — Jill Poole, J. W. Cotton. 4046

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Denver (6), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4082

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery. — Alteration. Practice meeting for Sept. 18th transferred to Goathurst from Enmore.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Guildford, Sept. 18th. Bells, Cathedral (8) 3 to 5 p.m., S. Nicolas (10) after tea. Own arrangements for tea.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 4091

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Walkern, Sat., Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4057

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District. —Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room only for those who notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent, by Sept. 22nd. 4053

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly, Plympton St. Mary, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names by Sept. 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3980

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, Sept. 25th. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Stephen's (8) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting in St. Stephen's vestry 3.45, followed by the service at St. Stephen's Church at 4.45. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the County Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle, at 6, price 7s. 6d. each. Will persons intending being present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4039

HEREFORD GUILD and SALOP ASSN.—Combined meeting, Cound (6), Sept. 25th. Teas to C. Edwards, Cound, Salop. 4045

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District. —Meeting St. John's, Egham, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, limited to 40. Names for tea to Mr. R. Shepherd, The Forge, Limes Road, Egham.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4049

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Burton-on-Stather, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5, moderate charge, but only for those who notify Mr. P. Barnes, Britannic, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 4036

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Duffield (Belper not available), Saturday, Sept. 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, Bridge Inn, 5.—Wm. Lancaster, Gen. Sec. 4074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow (6), on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells at 3. Tea 5. Please notify A. Gillings, Horringer, for tea not later than 22nd. 4061

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Great Staughton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4075

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tarvin (6), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than 22nd.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4076

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Paulerspury, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30. Names for tea to Mr. P. W. Foster, Paulerspury, Towcester, by 22nd. —Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec. 4077

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, by 22nd.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4081

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Cottenham (6), Sept. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Bunbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 4093

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. All welcome. — C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4092

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Woodlesford on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) will be arranged for all who notify Mr. A. Marsh, 9, Aberford Road, Woodlesford, Leeds, by Sept. 20th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4094

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Southampton District.—Lockerley, Sept. 25th, 2.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Sept. 21st. — G. Pulinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 4084

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3.45. Tea, Peace Memorial Hall, 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea to G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashtead, by the 22nd. 4086

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Little Missenden, Sept. 25th, 3. Names for tea by Sept. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4089

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Cheddar, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Collection for bell repairs.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4073

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Peak Branch.—Buxton: Burbage (6) 3, Fairfield (6) 6. Sept. 25th. Cups of tea only 5. — H. E. Taylor, District Sec., Darley Dale. 4070

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Thornbury (8), Sept. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48 Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at North Mimms, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, please, to Mrs. T. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, by Sept. 22nd. Train to High Barnet, thence 340 Welwyn Garden City bus to Corner Cafe, North Mimms.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4030

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly, Bottesford, Sept. 25th. Hourly bus service from Melton. Bells 1.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Rutland Cafe, for those notifying Mr. C. H. Jallands, Decorator, Bottesford, Nottingham, by 23rd.—W. A. Wood. 4038

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Cumnor, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify by the 21st.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4002

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), Sept. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify W. G. Soar, Ticknall, Derby, by Sept. 23rd.—J. W. Cotton. 4098

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Sec.

ST. ANDREW'S, ROKER, SUNDERLAND. —The new ring of ten bells installed by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. All ringers are invited to be present.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4040

ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—Dedication of the new ring of 10, tenor 22¼ cwt., at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. Installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4059

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when the chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. prompt by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc. Cathedral bells (10) available 2.30-4.45 p.m.; Queensbury (8), 2.30-4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, Idle (8), 2.30-4 p.m. As accommodation is limited to 90, early application is advised. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) on application with remittance to L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3978

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 2nd. For teas notify Mr. Popplewell, 8, Charles Street, Lawe Head, Brighouse, by Sept. 28th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4020

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday Oct. 2nd. St. Alphege's (6), St. Dunstan's (6) available from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea and nominations for officers must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 29th. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4079

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Finchingfield (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Spains Hall, Finchingfield, Braintree.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division. — Quarterly meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available 3 till 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Prittlewell (10) from 6.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Sept. 29th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4068

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.15. Names to Frank F. Hill, 5, Argyle Road, Ripley, by Sept. 29th latest. 3999

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 2nd, at 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, not later than Sept. 29th. 4064

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Oct. 2nd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hughes, 48, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry, not later than Sept. 21st. 4095

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, Sept. 28th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 4052

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Penkridge, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea Rev. C. H. Barker, The Vicarage, Swindon, near Dudley, Worcs., by Sept. 27th.—A. V. Pearson. 4071

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. 311th anniversary dinner will be held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Particulars later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4101

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Sept. 30th to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4099

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Mundford on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. New ring of six from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 only for those who notify me by 27th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 4097

OXFORD.—On Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,948 Stedman Triples: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, R. Higgins 5, W. Collett 6, J. Higgins (composer and conductor) 7, J. R. Chaundy 8.

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STANTON SURPRISE

By W. TAYLOR, Vice-President, Lancashire Association.

WHEN the characteristics which belong to the classification of the so-called 'Surprise Methods' were discussed, it was ultimately decided that: Methods which have an internal place at each and every cross section should be entitled to be classed as 'Surprise.' It was never intended that the group should contain a large number of methods. The main consideration being that the Surprise methods should comprise only the most difficult and intricate methods and so to set an ideal standard of proficiency in change ringing. Hence the glamour which has always been attached to this type of method.

For a while after the decision was made it was hotly contested whether Bristol (a comparatively new method at that time) should be included because of its lack of internal places when the treble is leading and lying, it being pointed out that these positions are in reality cross sections and just as important as the others, indeed, more so.

Of course, the three classical Surprise methods—Cambridge, Superlative and London—have internal places at all cross sections, including those when the treble is leading and lying. However, it came to be generally accepted that the difficulty of Bristol (due solely to the incidence of the Bob work) made it desirable to acknowledge Bristol as belonging to the magic 'Surprise class.'

The present generation may be intrigued to know that even London's right to the additional title 'Surprise' was challenged by William Snowdon (brother of the famous Jasper W.) on grounds which I need not mention here. As a consequence of Bristol's inclusion in the Surprise class, all other methods which lack internal places when the treble is leading and lying, but having an internal place at all the other cross sections, e.g., Belgrave Surprise, which is a simple variation of Yorkshire, have the right to belong to the Surprise group and thus admitting a large number of inferior methods.

Stanton Surprise, whilst conforming to the full requirements, including internal places when the treble is leading and lying, has other and, in my opinion, more serious blemishes. It resembles Bristol Surprise in having four bell work on the front four and back four alternately, with a quick (very quick) transition from one to the other, but unlike Bristol, the Bob work is ordinary Plain Bob and presents little difficulty.

The serious blemishes referred to are the four whole pulls made at the first and third cross sections, i.e., when the treble passes from 1-2 to 3-4 and from 5-6 to 7-8. Surely the definition of having internal places at a cross section doesn't allow external places to be made in addition! Besides, if four places (including that of the treble) occurred at the lead end, it would rightly be called a 'Single.' Now, the four places at the cross sections in Stanton are neither more nor less than 'Singles,' and as a consequence the bells are 'out of course' whenever the treble is dodging in 3-4 and in 5-6! It has always been accepted from time immemorial that Singles are unnecessary in Treble Bob and therefore they are not tolerated. I suggest that the band which rang the peal of Stanton Surprise should withdraw it as the method is not in accordance with the spirit of Treble Bob.

Unfortunately there is a well-established precedent in Cambridge Surprise and its offshoot New Cambridge. In the former the blemish occurs when the treble is dodging in 3-4 and in the latter one whole pull later at the cross section. I suppose that the reason it has been tolerated so long in Cambridge Surprise is because of the facile manner the method extends to Royal and Maximus.

In conclusion I would humbly suggest that the Central Council take the drastic step of declaring that all Treble Bob methods (aye, including Cambridge) to be illegitimate if they contain more than two whole pulls made at the same time. Also to amend the definition of a Surprise method which will exclude out of the group all but the more intricate and relatively difficult methods. I am aware that this is a very difficult task, but I am certain that in two or three years' time a satisfactory solution can be arrived at. I may say I am willing and prepared to give my assistance if the Council or its committee think it necessary.

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Tenor 23¾ cwt.

ROYSTON G. BRYANT	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
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JOHN E. BIBBY	3	JOHN WORTH	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

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

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Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ERIC J. GILBERT	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
GEORGE LEDSHAM	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

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*REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
JOHN WORTH	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
†ALAN A. POTTS	3	GEORGE LEDSHAM	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

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A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ERIC J. GILBERT	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	7
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Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* 150th peal on tower bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
*DONALD G. CLIFT	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	ERIC J. GILBERT	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
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CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in C.

ALFRED E. REEVES	*Treble*	ARTHUR FIRTH	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
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On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

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Tenor 56¼ cwt. in B.

GEORGE LEDSHAM	*Treble*	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	WALTER ALLMAN	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	W. NORMAN PARK	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
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Tenor 26 cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	GEORGE LEDSHAM	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. KEN. LEWIS.
First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in* 4 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR FIRTH	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
LEONARD TREVOR	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

GEORGE LEDSHAM	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
ARTHUR FIRTH	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D

*GEORGE LEDSHAM	...*Treble*	*ERIC J. GILBERT	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
*J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	3	*RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	6
ARTHUR H. REED	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
*DONALD G. CLIFT ...	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	4	WALTER ALLMAN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES' WEEK

Peals rung during the week in Cheshire for the Universities Association.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DOROTHY RICHARDSON	*Treble*	MARGARET FIDELL	5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ...	2	BETTY SPICE	6
*JOHN D. ROCK	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	7
†JEAN A. SOUTHERST ...	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

CHESTER.
On Wed., Aug. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HANDBRIDGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GILLIAN A. SMITH	...*Treble*	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5
†HILDA M. STOBBS ...	2	JOHN WRENBURY	6
†H. STANLEY GRISDALE...	3	GEOFFREY DODDS	7
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG...	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

CHESTER.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
IN THE LIBRARY OF CHESTER COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

*GEOFFREY DODDS	1-2	BETTY SPICE	5-6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ...	3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7-8
†PETER C. WRIGHT ...	9-10		

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Caters on handbells. † First peal of Caters.

TEN BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN ...	6
*JOHN S. ALLEN	2	†CYRIL WANDER	7
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	JOHN G. AYMES	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	*AUBREY D. MILLS ...	9
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH...	5	STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 4 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35¾ cwt. in C.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	...*Treble*	*DAVID VINCENT	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	2	*ALFRED SMITH	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	8
*GORDON BENFIELD ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	9
ERNEST A. THORPE ...	5	EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells since being recast. In memoriam the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D., Bishop of Wakefield, who died on Sept. 8th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*CHARLES L. SADLER	...*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON...	5
†ERIC O. DAVIES	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ...	6
†THOMAS COOPER	3	*WILFRID F. MORETON...	7
‡JOHN D. ROCK	4	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 25th peal together. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ 50th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ERIC E. SPEAKE	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY...	7
H. JAMES TURNER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROGER R. SAVORY	...*Treble*	*MICHAEL P. MORETON...	5
*JOHN D. ROCK	2	‡DAVID GALLOP	6
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON	3	BETTY SPICE	7
†RODNEY MEADOWS ...	4	WILFRID F. MORETON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* 25th peal together. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples and in the method.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT H. FITTER	...*Treble*	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ...	5
JAMES F. HARVEY ...	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
HOWARD HOWELL ...	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	4	WM. T. FROGGATT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
* First peal.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY ...	...*Treble*	*CYRIL TOYNE	5
CHARLES THORLEY	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF ...	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	7
ERNEST THORLEY	4	*HERBERT COOPER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. In honour of the first birthday of Susan, granddaughter of the ringer of the 2nd, and the third birthday of Anthony, son of the conductor.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

George E. Fearn	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
Ernest T. Allaway	2	G. William Critchley	6
Herbert C. Spencer	3	H. James Turner	7
Thomas H. Reeves	4	John Pinfold	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Herbert C. Spencer.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Syd Flint	*Treble*	George Skelland	5
Phyllis Booth	2	Dennis Booth	6
Thos. S. Horridge	3	Robt. Guy	7
Thos. W. Hammond	4	Wm. H. Deacon	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by William H. Deacon.
Rung on the wedding anniversary of Thomas Partridge, donor of the treble bell.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 3¼ cwt.

John Pinfold	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Herbert C. Spencer	7
James F. Harvey	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*George F. Sperring	*Treble*	*†Henry O. Baker	5
John Hayes	2	James S. Webb	6
John W. Best	3	†John W. Griffiths	7
Samuel Jones, jun.	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John W. Best.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

*Victor A. Perry	*Treble*	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
*Ernest G. Orland	2	‡Sydney G. Osborne	6
Frank Burgess	3	William R. Hammons	7
†Stanley F. Earl	4	Frank Warrington	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.' The composition has now been rung for the first time.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Kenneth W. Mayer	5
Miss Betty Brown	2	John A. Freeman	6
Charles McGuiness	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Frederick W. Stokes	4	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. Dench. Conducted by Miss Betty Brown.
First peal as conductor and first attempt. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt.

*Miss M. E. Ridyard	*Treble*	James Blackburn	5
John Gartside	2	James W. Grounds	6
*Miss Ruth Bradley	3	Arthur Mawdsley	7
Arthur Tomlinson	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. Mawdsley.

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STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*Wm. W. T. Daniell	*Treble*	†Ivor H. Trueman	5
†Margaret E. Richards	2	Peter Anger	6
Charles J. Gardner	3	*A. George Wells	7
*William A. T. Carter	4	W. Bertram Kynaston	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by W. B. Kynaston.
* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Kent. A birthday compliment to the treble man's mother. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF RAMSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

John Worth	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Alan A. Potts	2	James A. Milner	6
Wilfred Stevenson	3	Peter Laflin	7
James Fernley	4	Joseph Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
The first peal in the method.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
J. Thorp's. Tenor 14 cwt.

Alan D. Steel	*Treble*	*Harry Carter	5
Edward Steele	2	Arthur W. Hall	6
John G. Cartledge	3	William Carnwell	7
William Edwards	4	Charles H. Page	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Page.
* First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of William Perkins, a local ringer, to Miss Nellie Harratt.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Ernest Blomfield	*Treble*	Keith Whittell	5
Palmer Whittell	2	*John W. Crapnell	6
R. John Munnings	3	Claud Woodard	7
Charles Woodcock	4	G. A. Blaxcell	*Tenor*

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Ernest Blomfield.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to G. A. Blaxcell.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

David Gallop	*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton	5
Catherine Trist	2	Peter W. B. Semmens	6
Dorothy T. Richardson	3	John D. Rock	7
*Peter T. Robbins	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Peter W. B. Semmens.
* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. A coming-of-age peal for the conductor. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Henry R. Parkinson	*Treble*	Arthur H. Beamish	5
Margaret Beamish	2	*Frank H. Hicks	6
J. W. Frank Trotman	3	Leonard Trevor	7
Walter P. Whitehead	4	Thomas W. Sheppard	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Thomas W. Sheppard.
* First peal of New Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Ernest E. Whitmore	*Treble*	George A. Hollick	5
Sydney G. Osborne	2	Ernest G. Orland	6
*Harold Haynes	3	Eric Nobles	7
*Ronald W. Gibbons	4	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope (C.C.C. 118).
Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS. — On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Clark 1, Mrs. J. I. Smith 2, J. Haw 3, S. H. Sutton 4, J. I. Smith (cond.) 5, G. E. Manser 6.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 12th, the 98th dedication festival, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Hanson 1, N. Oliver 2, C. T. Lamb 3, R. Oliver 4, J. Lishman 5, T. W. Dodd (cond.) 6.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent T.B., 360 Oxford T.B., 360 Plain Bob and 180 Single Oxford): Mrs. G. E. Watson 1, B. S. Cope 2, A. F. Kirkman 3, G. E. Watson 4, B. F. Lumbers 5, B. Austin (first quarter as cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Chatfield 1, Miss M. Brockman 2, Miss B. Philpott 3, C. E. Buesden 4, J. Walter 5, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 6, S. Walter 7, T. Holmes 8, H. R. French 9, R. G. French 10. First quarter for 1, 2 and 8.

CHRISTLETON, CHESTER.—At the Church of St. James, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Spice 1, Miss J. A. Southerst 2, W. F. Moreton 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, W. Astle 5, V. J. Benning (first as cond.) 6, W. Griffiths 7, F. Poston 8.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. W. Betts 1, Miss Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clarke 3, J. T. Corder 4, F. Bloomfield 5, E. Hynard 6, T. W. Betts (cond.) 7, N. Goody 8. First quarter in the method by all except the 5th.

HAWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Robertshaw 1, B. T. Plalp, R.A.F. 2, R. Scarborough (first quarter) 3, L. Helliwell, R.A.F. 4, H. Helliwell 5, A. Bairstow (cond.) 6.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Barker (first quarter of Triples) 1, C. E. Lankester 2, Elsie Lankester 3, Mary Davies 4, A. Bone 5, R. Meadows 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, Derek Riley (first quarter) 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — On Sept. 10th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and April Day): P. Beresford 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, J. B. Webb 3, W. J. Cope 4, D. Beresford (cond.) 5, J. H. Allport 6. First quarter in five methods by all the band and as conductor.

MABLETHORPE. — On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Clark 1, Evelyn M. Wright 2, C. Caunt (first quarter) 3, J. Haw (first quarter) 4, G. H. Dunnington (cond.) 5, Christine Dunnington 6.

POOLE, DORSET. — On Sept. 8th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: A. R. Macdonald 1, I. P. Davis 2, A. Ward 3, H. A. Mitchell 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, E. Hendley 6, A. J. Butler 7, R. H. True 8, J. E. Chilcott (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, R. C. Hurst 10. First of Stedman Caters by 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stroud (first quarter of Triples) 1, Miss M. Tiller 2, R. Tiller (first quarter of Triples as cond.) 3, L. Harris 4, D. Reed 5, B. Tiller 6, W. Cheater 7, C. Drayson 8.

SELBY, YORKS. — On Sept. 12th at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. H. Foster 1, J. J. Tune 2, C. Hill 3, A. Cryer 4, H. S. Morley (con.) 5, J. Silk 6, F. Terry 7, J. Wall (first quarter) 8. To commemorate the visit of the Bishop of Minnesota, U.S.A.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissatt 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, W. R. Hill 3, F. Sangwin 4, G. Skinner 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Denys on Sept. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: V. Bull 1, E. C. Marlow 2, C. N. Pearson (first as cond.) 3, R. Tudgay 4, N. G. Knee 5, T. E. Millard 6. First in the method by all except 5.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.— — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Davis 1, P. Lancaster 2, M. Farthing 3, F. Sweet 4, R. Short 5, W. Kent (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

OBITUARY

MR. H. CHAPMAN.

The passing of Mr. Harry Chapman, at Huntingdon Hospital, on Sept. 10th, will be regretted by a wide circle of friends, particularly in the Lancashire Association.

Born at Bythorn, Hunts, on November 12th, 1863, he started ringing in his own village (a stoney tower) at the age of 12. It was not until March 13th, 1886, at Raunds, Northants, that he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor, and his first peal was at Cardington, Beds, the same year.

In all he rang nearly 600 peals, of which 369 were for the Lancashire Association. For a long time he held the heavy bell record, having rung behind and turned in the old tenor at Manchester Town Hall (Mr. William Pye beat this record when he rang Exeter Cathedral tenor single handed). He took part in peals in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and among his notable performances were 9,312 Superlative, 14,112 London, 14,000 Kent Royal, 12,240 Kent Maximus. He rang in the first peal of London in Ireland and also in the heaviest peal of Stedman Triples. In 1897 he called the first peal of Superlative in Lancashire at Pendleton, where he was captain of the local band, and in 1899 the first of Cambridge in the county. Many of his peals were rung at Ashton-under-Lyne; and it was here that he rang the 11th to the record length of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. He never tired of relating how he fed Jimmy George, who was on the tenor, with slices of orange.

His connection with the Lancashire Association started in 1888. He served on the committee from 1895 to 1927 and was a Central Council representative from 1905 to 1917 and from 1923 to 1929. For 35 years he lived in the Manchester district, and on retirement in 1927 from the service of the Manchester Corporation he went to live at Keyston, Hunts.

The funeral service and interment were at Keyston on Sept. 13th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For the rally and conference of vergers at Leicester on Sept. 9th, Mr. Ernest Morris was the local secretary and had the bulk of the organising on his shoulders. He concluded the day with a peal of Plain Bob Minor, the first to be rung by a band of vergers.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, a former Guildford ringer, is arranging a set of bell tunes for the Boston handbell ringers.

The peal at Linton, Kent, on August 28th, was rung in honour of Mr. Frank Boorman's 60th birthday.

The walking stick left at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, by Mrs. R. F. Deal can now be collected from the verger, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square.

Two Rochester, Kent, ringers—Mr. Allen A. Vidgeon and Miss Jessie E. Wright — were married at St. Werburgh's, Hoo, on September 18th. A wedding peal honoured the occasion.

Four quarter-peals were rung on September 11th by the following band at Cranford, Stanwell and Harmondsworth, Middlesex, and Clewer, Berks: B. Tubb, P. Blake, F. Barker, F. Tubb, B. Willis and L. Tubb. Methods included Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Greetings from Paris announce that on Sept. 17th on the top stage of the Eiffel Tower was rung 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' by E. Dodds 1-2, Geoffrey Dodds (conductor) 3-4, Miss J. E. Askew 5-6. A claim to the first change ringing on the Eiffel Tower is submitted.

The ringers of Selby Abbey rang specially for the visit of the Bishop of Minnesota, U.S.A. After the service they were received by the Bishop, who expressed his great pleasure on hearing the church bells of England in the many parishes he had visited. He remarked how much better he liked to hear the bells rung in the English manner rather than being chimed as in American churches.

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton informs us that the first peal of New London Court Bob Major was rung on handbells at Roper House, Canterbury, on August 10th, 1946, by the Oxford University Society. Mr. Nolan Golden and his band are to be congratulated on ringing the first peal in the method on tower bells.

Miss Betty Brown called her first peal of London at Metheringham, Lincs, on September 8th. She is 16. Congratulations!

Mr. John Gartside has 'circled' the tower of Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs, and Mr. Albert J. Lancefield, Eastwell, Kent.

Ramsey Surprise, a composition of Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, has been rung for the first time.

Mr. Roger O. Fry, a valued contributor to this issue, is now in the Army, stationed at Aldershot. A welcome awaits him in Farnham and Guildford district towers.

Absent from our peal columns for a week or two will be the name of Mr. Philip A. Corby. His friends will regret to learn that he has fractured his arm as the result of an accident.

A spell of at least 10 years has been broken by the peal of Plain Bob Major at All Saints', Northampton. Hopes are entertained for more frequent peals.

The Rev. J. M. Turner, Washfield Rectory, Tiverton, challenges the veracity of Mr. P. Amos' remarks concerning St. Michael's, Stamford, and its six bells dated 1762. 'I was a worshipper at St. Michael's, Stamford, 1890 to 1925, and this is the first I have heard of its six bells. I was in the church last summer and would have loved to have seen these mystery bells. The church was erected in 1836. The old church of the 13th century fell with a crash during an attempt to enlarge the arches in 1832. The tower was of wood.'

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MEMORIAL TABLETS TO MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON UNVEILED.

In the presence of over 120 ringers and friends, two bronze tablets were unveiled in the belfry of St. Lawrence's Church, Surfleet, to the memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson.

The first read:—

In affectionate remembrance of
Rupert Richardson,
Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild
of Church Bell Ringers, 1933-1947,
who passed to his rest 13th January, 1947.
An extra bell was added to the peal at
Lincoln Cathedral, and this tablet placed
here to record this gift by Members and
Friends of the Guild.

The other stated:—

This electric clock was given by
Rupert Richardson,
who from 1898 to 1947 was a ringer
in this Church.

The very impressive service was conducted by the Vicar of Surfleet, and the tablets were unveiled by Canon Carnegie, president of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who gave a most inspiring address which will long be remembered by all present.

Tea was served in the familiar bulb shed with all the officers of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild present. Amongst those who attended were ringers from Birmingham, Coventry, Guildford, London and Bridlington.

The proceeds from the tea, which amounted to £10 10s., were very kindly given by Mrs. Richardson to the memorial fund. The Guild Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, informed the gathering that a further £95 was required and appealed to those who had not already done so to send their subscriptions so that the fund could be cleared without delay.

The Lincolnshire District of the Ladies' Guild, who had subscribed so generously to the fund, then held their business meeting.

There was ringing on the 12 tower bells for all tastes, handbell ringing on the lawn and the usual Glyn Garth hospitality. This was a gathering of ringing friends such as Rupert always so much enjoyed. J. B.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

With beautiful Tenby as the place of the quarterly meeting of the Guild, eight bells with ropes in a circle in a roomy belfry and the calm sea under a rare sunny sky, it was not surprising that there was a good attendance of ringers from churches in the diocese and from as far away as Oxfordshire and Porthcawl.

The bells were in full use before and after the break for service, meeting and tea (at the invitation of the Rector, the Ven. Bickerton Edwards), and touches of Triples and Major were rung with tolerably good striking.

At the meeting a suggestion was made that the Guilds of Wales should combine to hold an annual festival at some centre where more than one ring of bells was available, such as at Brecon, although the difficulties of travelling from Haverfordwest and Llanbadarn Fawr, etc., were stressed.

A grant from the Bell Ropes Fund of £2 10s. was made to St. Peter's, Carmarthen.

Canon Hayman, of Cardigan, was present, being in the unhappy position of having a tower with bells not in a fit state for ringing. A hope was expressed that these bells could be made ringable and the Guild would assist would-be ringers to learn how to make best use of them.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for providing the tea and making the bells and room available, and for conducting the service (assisted by the Rev. C. D. L. Griffiths), to the secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly) and Ringing Master were moved by Messrs. F. Sharpe and A. Hoare.

The church chosen for the next quarterly meeting was Llandilo on December 11th.

Universities' Ringing Week

Chester was the summer venue of the Universities' Association of Change Ringers, from August 13th to 21st, the party of nearly forty ringers from eight universities—Oxford, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Durham, Liverpool and Wales—staying at Chester College.

The ringing programme opened on Friday evening with a visit to Old St. Mary's, where introductions with city ringers were effected, some of whom were to become old friends.

On Saturday morning, Canon Coad conducted a most fascinating tour of the Cathedral, after which we had our first taste of the Cathedral bells. The afternoon was devoted to peal attempts at Christleton and Frodsham (only the latter succeeded) and visits by non-pealers to Hoole and St. Mary's, Handbridge.

On Sunday the party dispersed for service ringing, this including ringing for the 8 a.m. celebration at Old St. Mary's, quarter-peal attempts at Gresford, Chrisleton and Old St. Mary's, and afternoon ringing at the Cathedral. In the evening the party was 'at home' to a number of Chester clergy and ringers in the College library.

The days were devoted to cycling tours of the district with the exception of Thursday. To preserve the unity of the large party, and yet to give everyone the fullest opportunity of ringing, a staggering principle was introduced whereby one group was responsible for arriving first at each tower, another was last away, while a third had the day off. A further help towards the maximum amount of ringing time was packed lunches, so that the midday meal was enjoyed when and where we liked, usually in a pub. During the whole time there was not a single hitch, and though a certain punctiliousness of early week gave way to a somewhat freer interpretation of the time table as we became tired from our exertions, there was never any likelihood of a breakdown.

On Monday we went south to Wrexham; on Tuesday to the Wirral peninsula; on Wednesday, following morning peal attempts, east to Tarporley (where appropriately we rang at St. Helen's Church on St. Helen's Day); on Thursday by bus and ferry to Liverpool and St. Helens, Lancashire (when Mr. George R. Newton proved the perfect host), and on Friday to the Frodsham and Grappenhall area. During this time the tower-snatchers extended their list by about 30; indeed, not content with this, a group ventured on the Saturday into Flintshire and grabbed six more.

On the return to Chester each evening a hearty meal awaited us, and then we plunged into more activity; ringing practices at Christleton, Hoole and the Cathedral on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday respectively, a general meeting of the Association also on Wednesday, a film show on Thursday presented by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (featuring the U.A.C.R. Canterbury Week of 1946 and Spanish travels) and before the ending of that day the singing of Compline to Plainsong in the College Chapel; and finally on Friday a farewell evening when our friends of Chester joined us.

There were many high spots of a memorable week: our corporate Communion at the Cathedral when the Bishop celebrated, walks round the city wall, the ascent of Liverpool Cathedral tower, 3¾ hours of Spalding Bob at Eccleston—no evidence of which will ever find its way to the peal columns—Eccleston bells, courses of Chester Surprise at Hoole and Backford, the chase after an 8 mm. projector finally run to earth in Liverpool, the frequency of those three leads of Bristol, supplanting Kent, as evidence of ringing progress, and of friendliness wherever we went.

In looking back to the Chester Week of 1948 we should like to mention in particular Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Guild, whose advice assured the success of its planning: the principal, matron and domestic staff of the college, who made us completely at home; and among ourselves Marie Cross and Wilfrid Moreton for shouldering the arduous task of controlling the ringing. E.S.J.H.

Oxford University Society

FARMING-CUM-RINGING WEEK AT HONEYBOURNE.

For the third year in succession, the Society has turned agricultural, perhaps too agricultural for some members' liking. The weather remained irritatingly fine enough to afford no chance of a day off work, and many happy hours had to be spent gathering in the fruits of the field, most of them not immediately edible, i.e., peas, tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and onions—but no plums.

A good start was made on Saturday, Sept. 4th, with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Badsey (including one 'first'), and, at Hinton-on-the-Green exactly a week later, a peal of Bob Major was rung by way of epilogue. On Friday, three naughty rebels, who were fed up with picking Farmer R. R. Smith's onions, withdrew secretly to ring a handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles in one of his cornfields.

On Sunday, Mickleton and Campden were the towers visited for service ringing, while in the afternoon the handbells tinkled Grandsire Caters merrily by the pleasant green waters of Broad Campden Baths, so familiar from last year's visits. Evening practices were held at Evesham (10), Mickleton (8), Badsey (8), Campden (8) and Bretforton (6). Ringing ranged from rounds to—yes, we can just say it—Spliced Surprise. It was 'spiceless' spliced, however, in answer to a haughty challenge thrown down by Miss Betty Spice, and the atmosphere was too charged with emotion for the band to perform very successfully. But courses of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and London were brought round, and this year's recruits made good progress in Grandsire and Plain Bob. Perhaps the pleasantest hour of each day was 9 to 10 p.m., when, amid convivial surroundings, sweet draught cider (locally very potent) was challenged to do its worst.

An administrative hitch had made only a week's stay possible this year, instead of a fortnight, and there was thus no opportunity for a whole-day tour, as had been hoped. Apart from this disappointment, the week was enjoyable in every way, and for this success thanks are largely due to the local tower captains and ringers. The warm welcome and co-operation they gave made every ringing visit a real pleasure. D. G.

GUILD OF VERGERS AT LEICESTER

September 9th was a great day for Leicester when some 300 vergers from all parts of England assembled for a great rally and conference. A civic welcome was given by the Lord Mayor, and the Provost of Bradford was the speaker. A 'procession of witness' through the city to the Cathedral was most impressive, all the brethren being robed and led by the clergy and Lord Bishop. The latter preached at the Cathedral service, after which a 'communal tea' was partaken.

As shown in our peal columns, the local secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Branch got together six of the brethren and called a very well-struck peal of Minor at All Saints' Church.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some forty ringers were present at a meeting of the Western Branch of the Norwich Association on August 28th at Wells-next-the-Sea. A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent ringing on the eight in this old-world tower.

After tea some went over to Halkham Church, situated in the park of the Earl of Leicester, and rang on the fine six. This is probably one of the easiest churches to be found in which to inspect the bells, a wide wooden staircase running round inside the spacious tower.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Potter 1, F. Harris 2, F. E. Manns (cond.) 3, J. Mussell 4, R. Marlow 5, J. Dommett (first quarter) 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Black Spots

ADVICE TO YOUNG RINGERS.

Dear Sir, — In his letter Mr. Bottrill has made a challenge which I feel the Exercise should not let go unanswered as he has drawn attention to one of the less satisfactory sides of ringing to-day.

My experience as a ringer has been very much shorter than Mr. Bottrill's, but I have in the past few years experienced ringing in most parts of the country. My impression has been that good and not so good ringing go in areas roughly synonymous with territorial associations and branches, and that areas of good ringing are invariably grouped round a centre of ringing renown. The other areas contain, I have found, many ringers with very little idea of what good striking and ringing are, simply because no one has ever shown them that it does exist. If the Exercise, by its endeavours, can gradually sow the seeds of a ringing centre in each area, I think we are near a solution.

To do this we have got to think a bit about teaching, for that is, I think, the crux of the business. I would like to begin by making a few suggestions.

Firstly, I think we might do well to hear from those instructors who have been successful, in the form of short letters or articles in your paper, sir, if space permits. I have often heard useful tips being given in the belfry, so why not more publicly? We all have our pet theories and most like airing them. Young ringers would, I think, benefit particularly in this way.

Secondly, I think beginners should be urged to watch and mingle with good ringers wherever possible. I found that much could be learnt from a critical study of an experienced ringer's handling, in the same way as a young cricketer can learn a lot from watching, say, Denis Compton. In areas where very few experienced ringers live, non-territorial associations may be a great help.

I think there is also room for more experiment with teaching methods. One or two adventurous people have shown what can be done in this way in recent years. Experiment is always the precursor of progress. I don't believe it necessarily follows that our present methods of teaching are the best obtainable.

Lastly I think much can be done on both sides in ringers' relations with the clergy in some areas. If both elicit the friendship of the other, as is done in some places, I feel both will benefit. Ringing can never be successful unless ringers' relations with the clergy are of the most cordial. The fact is at the moment that frequently they are not.

Prophecy is always dangerous, but I venture to suggest that unless the Exercise makes more conscious effort to cross the barriers surrounding some of the black spots, good ringing will never be much more widespread than it is to-day. Bad ringing can be as much an inheritance as good ringing.—Yours faithfully,

P. M. J. GRAY.

Atomic Energy Research Establishment,
Harwell, Berks.

PENNING'S VARIATION

Dear Sir,—May I suggest to conductors that any future performance of J. F. Penning's One-part peal of Grandsire Triples should be reported as Penning's Variation of Holt's Original?

The relationship between the peals is most readily demonstrated by reversing Penning's peal when it will be found that large blocks of Holt's peal are to be found in it; notably the 59 leads from 625347 to 462537 and the 69 leads from 243576 to 263475. It would appear that Penning adjusted a few Q sets and reversed the result—a procedure insufficient to be counted as originality.—Yours sincerely,

G. W. SLACK.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Doubles--Legislation Wanted

Dear Sir,—The fact that no one has previously questioned the acceptance of Doubles 'records' compiled by using many methods twice or more with only different calls to distinguish one from another is not so surprising as Mr. Golden appears to think. It merely serves to illustrate that the Exercise as a whole is not interested in Doubles ringing. Whether or not this is to be regretted is a matter of opinion, but it is unfortunate that the Central Council has never legislated on the subject. However, the Doubles and Minor Collection regards Old Doubles as another name for Bob Doubles, not as a separate method.

Five-bell ringers are rightly permitted a certain amount of latitude — no one expects them to ring only methods with Bob Doubles lead-ends, for example. But whatever may have been accepted up to now, it is clearly illogical that the use of an alternative call should continue to entitle a Doubles method to two or three different names. If a band were asked to ring a plain course of 'St. Columb' Doubles, all that they could do would be to ring Reverse Canterbury, and a method with no plain course obviously cannot exist. On precedent, Mr. Pink is entitled to regard his recent peal as containing 42 Doubles methods, but it is doubtful whether one ringer in a hundred will agree with him.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

ST. WOOLOS' TENOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Price has certainly made a mistake in his letter regarding the note of the tenor of the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos. The tenor note is a true D and for its weight (21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.) it cannot be better.

C. GREEDY, Tower Warden.

Newport, Mon.

SUNDAY RINGING REFRESHMENTS

Dear Sir,—On the question of reform, all the public-houses in this part of the world are open by the time the mid-morning service has finished on a Sunday.—Yours faithfully,

Hereford. WILFRID F. MORETON.

50 YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see that the first peal of the method published in 'The Bell News' about 50 years ago under the title of Old England Court Bob Major has now been rung at Hethersett, Norfolk, under the title of New London Court Bob Major, and I, being the author, congratulate the band on their performance.

Names matter little, and as the Methods Committee have altered the name, so let it be.

—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

WEDDING

FAITHFULL—SAFFERY.

Two ringers were married at North Stoneham on September 4th—Mr. Roy Faithfull, of St. Mary's, Southampton, and Miss Betty Mildred Saffery, of the North Stoneham band.

The bridegroom's father is the well-known steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, Southampton, and the bride's father was at one time a member of Christchurch Priory band, as was also her grandfather. The best man was Mr. John Faithfull (brother), also of St. Mary's band.

A number of ringers were present at the ceremony, and as the bridal party left the church it passed under an archway of handbells. The church bells were fired 21 times and touches in various methods followed.

The honeymoon is being spent in Cornwall, and Mr. and Mrs. Faithfull will take up residence in Southampton, and will be members of St. Mary's band.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Southampton, to celebrate the event, unfortunately came to grief in the last course, due to a miscall.

Yorkshire Association

WESTERN DIVISION AT HAWORTH.

The autumn meeting was held at the Church of SS. Michael and All Angels on September 11th. Although the weather had not been promising for some days, it was a bright and sunny afternoon, and on the heights on which the village is situated the westerly breeze soon brought colour into the checks and gave all a tremendous appetite.

For some reason, which has never been fully explained, six-bell towers have not been in favour for meetings of late, but this venture fully justified further efforts. Perhaps the added attraction which the church and village has through its connection with the life and works of the Bronte sisters helped to make the meeting a success, because about forty ringers and friends were present from as far afield as Todmorden, Wetherby, Horbury and Huddersfield.

Ringing took place in a variety of methods, some preferring 'open leads,' others 'cart wheeling,' a point much debated around here, but not settled as to which is best; perhaps the vice-president found himself outnumbered and preferred to leave the matter to some future date. While there was a sprinkling of older members present, it can be safely said that it was a youngsters' day and right well did they acquit themselves.

A bountiful tea was served in the Old Schools, at which Charlotte Bronte taught, and the business meeting followed, the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, being in the chair.

Apologies for absence were received from the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, Mr. L. W. G. Morris and Mr. F. Hodgson. Members were reminded of the annual dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers, to be held at Bradford on October 2nd.

Sixteen new members were elected and the collection to Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 18s. 10d. The Rector of Haworth was heartily thanked for allowing the Association to visit Haworth, and he expressed great pleasure in welcoming the Association on its first visit and trusted that it would not allow so long a period to elapse before paying another visit.

5,075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By R. F. DEAL.

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Rung for the Kent County Association at Rochester Cathedral on January 24th, 1948, conducted by F. B. Lufkin.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Golding (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. Baker 2, L. Turley 3, L. Tidy 4, W. G. Cook 5, R. Collins (composer and conductor) 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, J. O. Weller 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Plain, Reverse, Double, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (3) London Bob; (4) Double Oxford Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

Charles L. Sadler ...*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton ... 4
Wilfrid F. Moreton ... 2	John D. Rock 5
George Davis 3	Leslie Evans ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

First peal in eleven methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. H. Law James' Arrangement. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Charles E. Brown ...*Treble*	Frederick W. Stokes 4
Charles McGuiness ... 2	†Jack L. Millhouse ... 5
Betty Brown 3	†Kenneth S. B. Croft *Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth S. B. Croft.

* 25th peal. † 50th peal together. First peal of London Minor as conductor. In memoriam Ernest Vickers.

GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Albert H. Fitter ....*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn 4
Frank H. Hicks ... 2	William C. Dowding... 5
*Miss Muriel Reay ... 3	George E. Fearn ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.

* First peal of Minor.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Charles G. Woodgate *Treble*	Frederick Souter ... 4
*Robert A. F. Clark ... 2	Roderick W. Croucher 5
†Mrs. C. G. Woodgate 3	Frank B. Lufkin ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Miller, who has resigned the living.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD OF VERGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Bro. F. Watson, Croft *Treble*	Bro. H. R. Parkinson, Far Headingley, Leeds 4
Bro. E. F. Payne, Syston 2	Bro. J. Taylor, Thurlaston 5
Bro. John H. Grundy, Loughborough 3	Bro. E. Morris, Leices. *Tenor*

Conducted by Bro. Ernest Morris.

The first peal ever rung by a band of all vergers.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Chester, Bourne, Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, York and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Doris M. Killingley *Treble*	Jack R. Worrall 4
Herbert H. Abrahams 2	George W. Park 5
Richard Busby 3	W. Norman Park ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Norman Park.

* First peal of Surprise. A farewell to the ringer of the 4th.

BENTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*Mrs. E. Wylie ... ...*Treble*	Ernest Cooper 3
†Mrs. Irene Somerville 2	*Miss Doreen Smythe... 4
*Ron Sanderson ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by Ernest Cooper.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. A farewell peal to the Vicar.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Mrs. J. Bray 1-2	George E. Feirn 5-6
Frank Lord 3-4	Jack Bray 7-8

Composed and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

A first birthday compliment to Miss Gillian M. Feirn.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1948, *in 1 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At Atherton, Hafod Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Michael P. Moreton ... 1-2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ... 3-4
*George Davis 5-6	

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.*
At 95, Sincil Bank,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Charles McGuiness ... 1-2	Jack L. Millhouse ... 7-8
John Freeman 3-4	John A. Freeman 9-10
*Kenneth S. B. Croft ... 5-6	John Walden 11-12

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Freeman.

* First twelve-bell peal 'in hand.'

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
At Quinta Cadiz, Avenida Panama, Los Caobos,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's, standard callings.

Irene Park 1-2	Roland Park 3-4
Bernard H. Swinson ... 5-6	

Conducted by Roland Park.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 30 extents Grandsire (10 different callings) and 12 extents Plain Bob (4 different callings). Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. Ernest McGrath ... 1-2	John T. Dunwoody ... 3-4
*William A. Patterson... 5-6	

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal 'in hand' and in two methods. First peal in two methods as conductor.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,*
In one of Farmer R. R. Smith's Cornfields,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Betty Spice 1-2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ... 3-4
†David Gallop 5-6	

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles and of Doubles on handbells. † First peal of Doubles and in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

Daniel T. Matkin 1-2	Albert H. Ward 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4	Roy C. Hurst 7-8

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

FROM EXETER TO BRIDGWATER.

On Saturday, August 21st, ringers from Ashburton, Bath, Bishop's Stortford, Bournemouth, Godalming, Guildford, Hove, Leicester and Wrington met for the second successive year to take part in a fortnight's ringing tour. Eight associations and guilds were represented by members whose ages ranged from 16 to 21 years. The rendezvous this year was the beautiful old city of Exeter, and this was the centre of the first week's activities. In heavy rain the band met at the west door of the Cathedral and then climbed the many steps to the south tower for the first ringing of the tour.

When the magnificent, heavy twelve had been raised, a start was made with a touch of 287 Grandsire Caters. A course of Plain Bob Royal was then suggested, and with some trepidation agreed to by the band. As 'Grandison' rolled down to lead the first time, there was some anxiety lest she should continue her downward path; however, careful treatment bore good results, and a well-struck course followed. After a course of Grandsire Cinques, the bells were lowered and the band adjourned for supper and bed.

Morning service in the Cathedral was attended the next day, and service ringing took place at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, and at the Parish Churches of Ide, Heavitree and Exminster. Over tea in a cafe at Exeter it was suggested that a society be formed, all taking part in this and last year's tours becoming members. This suggestion met with general approval and so the Society of Roving Ringers came into being.

Travel during the fortnight was by bicycle and 'milometres' steadily ticked of nearly five hundred miles. One or two of the less keen cyclists managed to thumb lifts on lorries, and hooted loudly as they passed their colleagues. Accommodation was again difficult to find, and on one occasion three hefty youngsters had to sleep in one bed. Several of the male members slept out in barns, haystacks, fields and in a tent. Some nights were spent in youth hostels, where the tourists entertained all and sundry with handbell ringing and community singing. The appearance in the half-light of one young man, dressed in voluminous white pyjamas, complete with cowl, is reported to have badly frightened several people at one hostel.

In all, 48 towers throughout Devon and South Somerset were visited. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. A. L. Bennett, who helped in the ringing at Buckfast Abbey, where a warm welcome was received from Brother Hugh. Here the ringing consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a good course of Bob Royal. Rounds were rung on the very fine ring of twelve. During these rounds the seven-ton Bourdon bell was rung by Brother Hugh. This has to be heard to be appreciated and the effect is as a grand chord on a mighty organ. At Bradninch only the front seven could be rung, as the tenor was out of action. However, a sturdy tenor ringer did good work with a chiming hammer and successfully covered Grandsire Triples. The band received an official welcome from the Rev. E. V. Cox, who, with Preb. C. Carew Cox, took part in the ringing at Wolborough. Cambridge and Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples were rung on this grand octave.

Mr. E. J. Taylor broke a nine year abstinence from Cambridge Major by ringing some with the tourists at Tiverton. Crediton Parish Church, a building of cathedral-like dimensions, was visited on the second Sunday evening, and soon the heavy sonorous bells in the central tower were rolling out Double Norwich and Stedman. Excavations were being carried out in the nave when the band arrived at Stogursey Church. Prebendary Hook, the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, watched while the heavy ring of six was raised and rung. The titbit of the list was undoubtedly the eight at Heavitree where the late W. Pye rang his last peal. There local ringers and visitors joined in ringing for Sunday evening service on a ring of eight by Taylor's which were the last word in tone and go. Owing to depletion of the band, full use could not be made of the ten at Cullompton, but some good Surprise Major was rung. Among other towers visited were Totnes, Littleham, Withycombe Raleigh, Buckfastleigh, Uffculme, Bridgwater, St David's, Exeter, Ipplepen, Sidberry, Dawlish and Honiton Clyst.

Altogether, 20 methods were rung, and extensions ranged from Doubles to Cinques. The list included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob (Minor to Royal), Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and London Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Duffield Major, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Erin Triples and Double Bob, Little Bob, Double Court, College Single, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Surprise Minor.

Handbell ringing was much more popular this year, and a lot of time was devoted to this branch of the Exercise. Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques were rung and attempts were made at Stedman Doubles and Triples and Kent Major. However, Mark White's handbells seemed to go best to Plain Bob, and Minor, Major and Royal were rung. One touch of some 400 Major was notable if only for its falseness. To ring four handbells to Grandsire Triples was the aim of one talented member, and he would have been successful had his two colleagues been able to keep up with him. One handbell peal was attempted in a barn, late at night, but the arrival of a curious farmer upset the ringing.

During the first week two peals were attempted. The first, a musical peal of Bob Major, was rung at Broadclyst on Monday, August 23rd. The striking throughout was of a high standard and trips were infrequent. The average age of the participants was 18 years and 6 months. This was the fourth ringer's first peal of Major and the first peal by the newly-formed Society. Auditors in the church and churchyard heard not only the ringing but also the conducting. Much amusement was caused when, on completion of the peal, a real 'Spotted Dog' appeared and proceeded to share the party's picnic lunch.

The second peal was attempted at Buckland-in-the-Moor, a picturesque hamlet of some half a dozen houses. Here the band found a light musical octave hung in two tiers in an iron frame. The attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after an hour, owing to an error by the conductor. Ringing in this, his first peal attempt, was Norman Mallett, a local lad who gained much useful experience during the tour.

Friday, September 3rd, saw the last ringing of the tour, at St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater. Touches of Double Norwich, Yorkshire and Superlative were rung on the heavy octave before the tourists adjourned for a final lunch. The success of the holiday was due to the vast amount of planning and letter-writing by the instigator and organiser, Mr. T. M. White, and with him the Society would like to thank all the incumbents, tower masters and local ringers for their interest and willing support.

R. O. F.

LATE NOTICES

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Hawkley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Selborne (5), Newton Valence (5) also available. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash. 4142

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting, Oct. 2nd, Holy Nativity, Knowle. Ringing at 3 p.m. Further particulars to towers. 4141

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Meeting, Bassingham (6), Oct. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea arrangements notified later.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 4140

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Bell and wheel complete weighing approximately 4 cwt. Pitch 'F.' £20 on the site.—Cemetery Superintendent, Park Lane, Kidderminster. 4125

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Set of 38, chromatic, by J. Taylor. Tenor 18 in G. Excellent condition. What offers? Also set of 8 tubes in E flat, £6.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Herts. Phone Watford 7936. 4078

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Smither and Alfred, of The Forge, Chiddingfold, wish to thank all kind ringing friends for their sympathy and lovely flowers in their recent sad loss. 4109

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free. All interested in change ringing will find this historical survey indispensable. Many illustrations.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

NOW READY. — 370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS, containing all named methods ever rung or published; 2s. post free. — A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 4102

MISCELLANEOUS

BACK NUMBERS. — A limited number of back numbers for most issues of 1946 and 1947 are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press Ltd., Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—As decided at the annual meeting, the East Ilsley tenor is being recast as a memorial to R. T. Hibbert, for 29 years secretary of the Guild. Subscriptions are invited from past and present members, and should be sent to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, marked R. T. Hibbert Memorial Fund. 4105

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room. 4053

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, Sept. 25th. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Stephen's (8) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting in St. Stephen's vestry 3.45, followed by the service at St. Stephen's Church at 4.45. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the County Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle, at 6, price 7s. 6d. each.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4039

HEREFORD GUILD and SALOP ASSN.—Combined meeting, Cound (6), Sept. 25th. Teas to C. Edwards, Cound, Salop. 4045

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Duffield (Belper not available), Saturday, Sept. 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, Bridge Inn, 5.—Wm. Lancaster, Gen. Sec. 4074

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4081

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Cottenham (6), Sept. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4083

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Great Staughton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4075

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. All welcome. — C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4092

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3.45. Tea, Peace Memorial Hall, 5 o'clock. 4086

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Little Missenden, Sept. 25th, 3.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4089

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), Sept. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. W. Cotton. 4098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swanage, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30, address by Rev. M. de B. Scott. Tea 5.15, Oriental Cafe, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 4110

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, to-morrow, Saturday, Sept. 25th, 2.30-8 p.m. Cafes nearby.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Sec. 4117

ST. ANDREW'S, ROKER, SUNDERLAND. —The new ring of ten bells installed by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. All ringers are invited to be present.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4040

ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—Dedication of the new ring of 10, tenor 22½ cwt., at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. Installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4059

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Ruislip, Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Fredk. A. Finch, Hon. Sec., S. and W. District. 4119

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when the chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. prompt by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc. Cathedral bells (10) available 2.30-4.45 p.m.; Queensbury (8), 2.30-4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, Idle (8), 2.30-4 p.m. As accommodation is limited to 90, early application is advised. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) on application with remittance to L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3978

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 2nd. For teas notify Mr. Popplewell, 8, Charles Street, Lawe Head, Brighouse, by Sept. 28th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4020

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 2nd, at 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge not later than Sept. 29th. 4064

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Oct. 2nd, 2.30. 4095

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Finchingfield (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Spains Hall, Finchingfield, Braintree.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division. — Quarterly meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available 3 till 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Prittlewell (10) from 6.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Sept. 29th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4068

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.15. Names to Frank F. Hill, 5, Argyle Road, Ripley, by Sept. 29th latest. 3999

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. St. Alphege's (6), St. Dunstan's (6) available from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea and nominations for officers must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 29th. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4079

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. S. W. Freemantle, 7, Ampton Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15 (Phone Edg. 0020), not later than Wednesday, 29th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4085

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting, Penkridge, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea Rev. C. H. Barker, The Vicarage, Swindon, near Dudley, Worcs., by Sept. 27th.—A. V. Pearson. 4071

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. 311th anniversary dinner will be held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Particulars later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4101

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Sept. 30th to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4099

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Mundford on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. New ring of six from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 only for those who notify me by 27th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 4097

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Sawston (8), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. (provided).—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 4127

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Calverleigh, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names early to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 4129

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Bromyard, Oct. 2nd, Stoke Lacey, Oct. 30th, at 5 p.m.—A. Tomkins. 4130

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Oxhey (8) (adjoining Bushey Station, L.M.S. and Bakerloo), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4121

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Servirce 4.30. Tea 5.15 (approx. 2s. 9d.) Names for tea to Miss M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport, by Tuesday, Sept. 28th. — Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4133

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. —The first meeting of the above district will be held at Grendon, near Atherstone, on Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. M. Griffiths, 16, Watery Lane, Keresley, near Coventry, by Sept. 28th. Don't forget, ladies. The more the merrier.—J. M. Griffiths. 4108

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Accrington, Oct. 2nd. Tower open 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6. —Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4126

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Appleby Magna, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea in Schoolroom, 5. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Cont Oak, Markfield, by Sept. 28th. 4128

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. White, Post Office, Cotgrave, Notts, by Wednesday, Sept. 29th. 4134

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Kidsgrove, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hancock, 48, Fifth Avenue, Kidsgrove, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4107

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Coles, 61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes, Middlesex, by Sept. 30th. 4120

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, Sept. 28th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 4052

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill and Old Warden on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Northill 3 p.m. to 5. Tea at 5, Northill. Old Warden ringing after tea. Look for next week's 'Ringing World' in case of any alterations.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4136

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ducklington, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 28th.—H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney. 4112

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Y.W.H. Branch. — Autumn meeting, Hinton Waldrist (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4131

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Thornby, Oct. 2nd. Tea, Cold Ashby, 5 p.m., only for those whose names reach me by Sept. 27th.—E. G. Orland, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Crowland on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea being arranged.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 4132

SALISBURY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Names for tea by Sept. 27th.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 5, Canon Square, Melksham. 4124

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Henley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Bring own food and dry tea.—Edward G. Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4104

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity, Hull (10), on Oct. 2nd. Bells available till 9 p.m. Business meeting 2.30, followed by short service at 3.15. Meat tea (3s. 6d. each) in the Young People's Institute, George Street, for those who notify Miss L. M. Lidgley, 105, Marlborough Avenue, Hull, by first post on Sept. 30th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Bispham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4135

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices, Binfield (6), Oct. 2nd, Easthampstead (6), Oct. 16th, both 6 p.m.—9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4106

BRADWELL-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—The Victory Bell will be dedicated at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. The five bells will be available for ringing from 5.30 to 6.25. The six bells will be available after the service until 8.45. Tea at 4.30 will be arranged for those who send me their names by Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—Robert C. Heazel, 19, Brook Road, Tillingham. 4138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Please notify by Oct. 5th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter and S.W. Branches. — Okehampton (8). Oct. 9th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Coach, Paul Street, Exeter, at 2 (3s. 6d. return). Names by Sept. 28th.—Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 4123

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 4118

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Norton, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea arranged for, bring food. All welcome. — G. Briggs and H. Chaddock, Hon. Secs. 4137

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. All Saints' bells 2.30. Tea, Herbert's Cafe, Bank Street, 4.15, followed by business meeting. Evensong 6 p.m. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4114

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Eydon and Upper Boddington, Oct. 9th. Service, tea and meeting at Eydon. Upper Boddington evening. Bus leaves Daventry 2 p.m., returns 8. Names for tea to Mr. E. Lines, Eydon, Rugby, by Oct. 4th.—F. W. Hancock. 4115

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30 p.m. Tickets still available. Last year for receiving applications, Oct. 2nd. Please send remittance (12s. 6d. each) when applying to G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4122

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practice of the term will be held at St. Benet's on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, at 8 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon. Sec., Trinity. 4065

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A LANCASHIRE HOTPOT

LANCASHIRE folk claim to have gifts of unusual perception and anticipation, giving them mental faculties in advance of the nation. This column is not the appropriate place for justifying 'what Lancashire thinks to-day . . .,' but we would say that the Lancashire Association has been of great service to the Exercise in the publication of their fifth edition of 'Instructions and Diagrams for Beginners' at the modest figure of 1s. 6d. Text books on ringing are still inadequate in view of the large number of young people who have been attracted to our art.

To meet the deficiency the president of the Association, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, has published since the war 'Elementary Change Ringing,' and the Snowdon Series has had a revised edition of 'Grandsire,' largely the work of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope. There have also been the two valuable Surprise books from Mr. J. A. Corrigan, the late J. W. Parker's treatise on Stedman Triples, and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters.' The Rev. E. S. Powell's lamented death robbed the Exercise of one who had the gift of explaining the intricacies of ringing; his 'Ringers' Handbook' holds an honoured place among the bibliography of our art, and shortly before his passing he produced a revised and corrected edition of his handbook. The Central Council are not unmindful of its position, and they have in hand a book on Minor methods which should be available shortly, and also a book on handbell ringing.

While the handbook of the Lancashire Association embraces in its title the word 'for beginners,' its coverage goes as far as the principal Surprise methods, and the ringer who has mastered its contents could confidently regard himself as an accomplished exponent of the art. What is also of great value is the large number of touches and peals introduced. Many, it is true, are old favourites, but it is very handy to have them at hand. There is something to meet the ordinary occasions of ringing.

During the war the old type of this book was melted down and in consequence the work has been reset. There have been additions in accordance with the trend of events. Two new Plain Minor methods—Hereward Bob and Childwall Bob—have been added. Of the Surprise Minor methods only Cambridge and London are retained from the old edition, and in place of those omitted Wells, Surfleet, Beverley, Durham and York are introduced. Due recognition is also made of the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of 5,040 Cambridge Minor. Other innovations are Erin Triples, Little Bob Major and Gainsborough Little Bob Major, and notes on conducting and handbell ringing, for which the Association thanks Dr. J. E. Spice.

To the sub-committee responsible—the Rev. F. F. Rigby, A. Tomlinson, G. R. Newton and P. Crook—a word of appreciation is due. The proofing of such a work is no light undertaking. While primarily for the Lancashire Association, the sale of the book is in no sense restricted to members. It is priced as low as 1s. 6d., which, in the words of one of the sub-committee, will not enable the officials of the Lancashire Association to retire on their profits from the publishing world! The desire is to help the Exercise. Thank you, Lancashire, for a fine piece of work!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

William Tillett	*Treble*	George A. Fleming	7
Sylvia R. E. Pipe	2	Leslie C. Wightman	8
*George W. Pipe	3	George E. Symonds	9
Charles J. Sedgley	4	Cecil W. Pipe	10
Harry R. Roper	5	Ernest W. Pye	11
William J. G. Brown	6	Herbert G. Jillings	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles J. Sedgley.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the 97th birthday of Robert H. Brundle. Tenor 32 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

William C. Dowding	*Treble*	Walter F. Judge	6
Miss Margaret L. Tutt	2	Frank E. Haynes	7
Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	3	John Pinfold	8
G. William Critchley	4	Henry H. Fearn	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by G. W. Critchley.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Miss Muriel Reay	*Treble*	*William A. T. Carter	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	H. James Turner	7
Albert Walker	3	*A. George Wells	8
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	9
John S. Walton	5	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Albert Walker.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. In memoriam Dr. McGowan, Bishop of Wakefield, late Vicar of Aston.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

James Fernley	*Treble*	Cyril Valentine	6
C. Kenneth Lewis	2	John Worth	7
John E. Bibby	3	David C. Vincent	8
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	Walter Allman	9
Wilfred Stevenson	5	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

William Wilkinson	*Treble*	*Kenneth Ketteringham	5
*Miss Dorothy Clark	2	*George E. Manser	6
†Miss Lorna Briggs	3	Jack Petch	7
*John I. Smith	4	William E. Clarke	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by William E. Clarke.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. A birthday compliment to the conductor and Bryan Petch, son of the ringer of the seventh. Tenor 16 cwt.

BUCKLAND MONACHORUM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. Harry Tippet	*Treble*	H. Frederick Myers	5
Mrs. F. E. Collins	2	Sidney O'Shaughnessy	6
A. William Myers	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
William G. Lavers	4	Thomas G. Myers	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
First peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Ernest J. Munday	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor	5
*Mrs. E. F. Salmons	2	*Ernest F. Salmons	6
*Miss Hazel Dale	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Frederick W. Burnett	4	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. H. Cross. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

John E. Turley	*Treble*	†Peter E. North	5
Mrs. Mildred Turley	2	†George S. Lee	6
Herbert O. Chaddock	3	†Dennis Holland	7
*Bryan Thomas	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by John Nichol. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam James E. Bailey, of Dartford, Kent. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Herbert W. Impey	*Treble*	William Welling	5
George M. Kilby	2	Alick Cutler	6
George Martin	3	Reginald A. Reed	7
Thomas G. Bannister	4	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLECE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

William G. Cook	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
Robert Collins	2	Edwin H. Lewis	6
Leonard A. Tidy	3	John O. Weller	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Fredk. W. Budgen	*Tenor*

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by Edwin H. Lewis.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minuets,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

W. E. Maulden	*Treble*	Frank L. Fisher	5
George W. Pipe	2	George A. Fleming	6
Leslie C. Wightman	3	William J. Button	7
Sylvia R. E. Pipe	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. Lewis. Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
First peal in the method as conductor. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Boar, of Milton Regis, Kent.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Rowland Biggs	*Treble*	Jesse Harrison	5
*Sylvia Coker	2	C. Alfred Levett	6
David Cox	3	Donald Boreham	7
Frank Bennett	4	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Henry R. Parkinson	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
*John E. S. Moreton	2	Walter P. Whitehead	6
*Alan Cattell	3	Frank Trotman	7
Leonard Trevor	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First in method on the bells.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Miss Bessie Carter	*Treble*	George F. Sperring	5
Henry O. Baker	2	Fredk. G. Beddon	6
John W. Griffiths	3	William A. Farmer	7
John F. Butler	4	Edward V. Rodenhurst	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Wm. A. Farmer.
First peal of Major as conductor.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Alfred Hopkins	*Treble*	Ivor D. Harris	5
Daniel G. Coombes	2	William J. Cross	6
Michael H. Linden	3	Reginald H. Jarvis	7
James W. Barber	4	*Cyril W. Tompkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald H. Jarvis.
* First peal. A farewell peal to the ringer of the 3rd and a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on the occasion of his silver wedding.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Fredk. R. Williams	*Treble*	*Thomas W. Lamb	5
Miss Mary Walshaw	2	†Dennis Toon	6
Ronald Airey	3	William Pye	7
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	4	Harold Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Barker (C.C.C. No. 162).
Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Henry Tooke	*Treble*	Robert G. Fisher	5
Raymond G. Lofty	2	Rev. Arthur S. Roberts	6
Charles H. Moore	3	George Sayer	7
*Miss Eileen Bracey	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal in the method. A welcome to the new Rector.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

Bertram L. J. Brown	*Treble*	Fredk. C. White	5
James Gordon	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Henry L. Bishop	3	George Holifield	7
George Bishop	4	Francis A. White	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Holifield.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Sept. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*Miss Muriel Reay	*Treble*	William C. Dowding	5
Sidney O'C. Holloway	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
Henry H. Fearn	3	George E. Fearn	7
John Pinfold	4	Leonard Trevor	*Tenor*

Composed by Walter P. Whitehead. Conducted by L. Trevor.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

C. Alfred Levett	*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
Kathleen Fletcher	2	Ernest J. Oliver	6
Sylvia Coker	3	Ernest Gosling	7
George Martin	4	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Robert J. Hicks	*Treble*	*Alan J. Hicks	4
†Albert E. Bissatt	2,	Charles Sangwin	5
*Charles E. Taylor	3	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. The first peal on the bells.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

*Brian Eaton	*Treble*	Patrick I. Chapman	4
Mrs. G. E. Watson	2	Geoffrey E. Watson	5
John Shatford	3	Brian Austin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Percy Page	*Treble*	William A. Oldfield	4
Albert J. Lancefield	2	Fredk. G. Huckstepp	5
Peter D. Huckstepp	3	Mark S. Lancefield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Lancefield.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

PRESTON CAPES, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

H. Eric Catlin	*Treble*	Kilby R. Holtom	3
*Fredk. W. Hutt	2	†Edmund E. Pearson	4
Victor A. Perry	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Kilby R. Holtom.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of eight 120's of Reverse Canterbury (4 callings), eight 120's of Plain Bob (4 callings), six 120's of April Day (3 callings), fourteen 120's of Stedman (10 callings), six 120's of Grandsire (6 callings).
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Arthur G. Newman	*Treble*	George W. Hughes	4
*P. George Golder	2	Howard Howell	5
*Maurice G. Turner	3	*Alan Elsmore	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Albert H. Ward	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	*Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

Charles Marshall	1-2	Ernest Morris	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead	3-4	Josiah Morris	7-8

Non-conducted.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

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Master George W. Pipe (13) has started his peals of the Stedman family with one of Cinques at Ipswich.

The bells of St. James', Devizes, will be broadcast for a few minutes before the 9.30 a.m. service on October 10th.

The average age of the band which rang the peal of Minor in five methods at Great Addington, Northants, was 19 years 1 month.

Congratulations to Mr. Percival H. Hull on five first pealers at Westbury-sub-Mendip, Somerset. We hope it will not stop at Grandsire Doubles.

Wonersh, Surrey, bells will be dedicated next Sunday immediately preceding the Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m. Ringing will take place after the service.

Standing Committee of Norwich Diocesan Association are to discuss an amendment to rules imposing a peal booking fee of 6d. on each ringer taking part in a peal for the Association.

A ringing pupil of Mr. Harold J. Poole, Harry Poyner, composed the method, Stanton Surprise, which appeared on page 386. The peal composition was found to be the same as John Reeves discovered years ago.

At the R.A.F. Station Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Hereford, on Battle of Britain Sunday, Queen's and call changes were rung for morning service by B. W. A. Laker (Littlehampton) 1-2, A. W. F. Scarrett (Cheltenham) 3-4, F. S. Worth (Plymouth) 5-6.

Another notable absentee from the peal columns for some months is the well-known North Kent ringer, Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was ordered a complete rest by his doctor in May and is at present in hospital at Lenham, near Maidstone, where he is making satisfactory progress.

With reference to the death of Mr. Harry Chapman, who did so much good work for the Lancashire Association, a correspondent states he rang in all 495 peals (5 handbells, conducting 63). Of these 369 were for the Lancashire Association and the rest among 26 different associations and guilds. He rang peals in no fewer than 150 towers.

On December 5th last we commented on the four method peal of Spliced Surprise at Banstead for Princess Elizabeth's wedding, and asked, 'Is there another tower in the country whose local band could ring this peal?' The answer is 'Yes.' The Sunday service band at St. Martin's and All Saints', Oxford, have rung a peal in eight spliced Surprise methods.

The Bishop of Monmouth preached at the service to celebrate the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the bells of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, on September 19th. He called on all who heard the summons to respond to it and on all who rang to be faithful to the service. During the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the chancel steps by R. Stephens 1-2, T. Stephens 3-4, W. Thompsett 5-6, J. Alsop 7-8.

In appreciation of his services as ringer, secretary and captain for many years at St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, Kent, Mr. W. G. Gorringe was presented on September 19th by Mrs. F. Butler, on behalf of the local band, with a combined peal and tower record book, the flyleaf of which was inscribed with an appreciation of his services and the names of subscribers. The same evening a gift was made to the tower of a peal book by Miss Louisa M. Kemp and a quarter-peal book to Mr. A. H. Kemp. All three books were of the 'Delight Major' series, supplied by Mr. W. Viggers.

Conducting at 12!



JOHN L. MORRIS,

twelve-year-old protégé of Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, who participated in the recent tour in Kent. John started to handle a bell in September, 1947, at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, with a group of boys, none of whom had entered a belfry before. Despite the handicap of heavy bells, the band made good progress and are now ringing Grandsire, Plain Bob and have started Treble Bob.

John has eight peals to his credit (3 Plain Bob Major, 3 Grandsire Triples and 2 Grandsire Doubles), all rung on working bells. He has started conducting and called his first quarter on September 12th. John has mastered Double Norwich Court Bob Major and on ten bells can perform competently in Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WIRRAL BRANCH.

Eleven Wirral towers were represented at the gathering of 57 ringers and friends at Neston Parish Church on September 18th. Touches of Surprise Major, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were successfully concluded, interspersed with rounds for beginners.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. O. East (Vicar), and the company were guests of the Neston Parochial Church Council at tea.

Business included details of the social to be held on December 30th at St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Oxton. Six young members were complimented on their peal at Bidston, and four honorary members elected. The vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success was carried with acclamation.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Lattan and Cricklade (both 'left-handed' fives), on September 11th, and proved a good missionary event, ringers from three towers where ringing is at a very low ebb receiving instruction in the rudiments of change ringing. It was noted that twelve of the branch members present were under 18.

It was decided to hold a joint meeting with the Salisbury Guild at Wootton Bassett in October and the branch annual at Christ Church, Swindon, in December. Ringers attended from Swindon, Castle Eaton, Rodbourne Cheney, Blunsdon, Chippenham, Cricklade, Latton and Chiseldon.

Birmingham Cathedral

A very generous offer to add two additional treble bells to the existing ring of ten at Birmingham Cathedral has been made by Mr. Frank B. Yates, of The Clock House, Hopwood, Birmingham.

The Cathedral Chapter have gratefully accepted the gift and the work is to be put in hand at once by the founders of the bells.

Needless to say, this generous offer has given great pleasure and satisfaction to the St. Martin's Guild, of which Mr. Yates has been an honoured member for many years, and will give the City of Birmingham three rings of twelve bells—St. Martin's Church, Aston Parish Church and now the Cathedral Church.

It is interesting to recall that over twenty years ago Mr. Yates generously gave two additional bells to King's Norton Church, making a ring of ten bells.

It is hoped the Cathedral twelve will be ready in good time for the customary Johnson Dinner early next year, when the many visitors on these occasions will be able to ring on this grand ring of bells. A.W.

A YORKSHIRE VETERAN

Those who have been privileged to ring on the fine peal of ten at Selby Abbey will be pleased to learn that Mr. Fred Cryer, now in his 90th year, still maintains an active interest in the doings of the Exercise. He reads his 'Ringing World' regularly and is very well informed in current happenings, writes J.F.S.

Mr. Cryer was actively associated with the restoration of the bells at the Abbey, and rumour has it that he spent quite a lot of time actually cleaning and polishing the bells when he was younger.

Advancing years prevent him from gaining access to the belfry, but he keeps a watchful eye on the quality of the ringing. He is particularly proud of having rung twice at St. Paul's Cathedral some years ago. The Yorkshire Association has been very lucky to possess such a stalwart as Mr. Cryer, and the Exercise will wish him many more years of enjoyment in listening to the lovely tones of Selby bells.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Four enthusiasts cycled 40 miles from Bournemouth to attend the meeting at Barton Stacey on September 18th, when 29 members were present. Ringing on the light six, says our correspondent, competed with the organist both in quality and quantity.

The Rev. T. G. King, of Stoke Charity, gave the address at the service and presided at the business meeting which followed tea in the Plough Inn.

The question of a Guild War Memorial was discussed, and the meeting favoured the addition of two new trebles to the eight at Portsmouth Cathedral. The suggestion is to be forwarded to the general secretary.

A request for an instructor to teach a few local gentlemen at Sparsholt was received, and it was decided to hold a practice meeting at this tower on November 6th.

Another suggestion was a notice to all tower secretaries giving details of ringing throughout the week, with a request that it be placed on the notice board for the convenience of visiting ringers.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

CHEW DEANERY.

A well-attended practice meeting, held at Weston-in-Gordano on September 18th, was notable for the excellence of the striking and the variety of methods. In all, some 16 were rung, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise.

A splendid tea was provided free of charge by the local band. Towers represented were Clapton-in-Gordano, Nailsea, Kingston Seymour, Tickenham, Portishead, Wrington, Marksbury, Bristol, Yatton, Worle, Locking, Abbot's Leigh, Publow and Weston-in-Gordano.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canterbury District's Defence

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. Bottrill's study of the historical surveys of the great ringing associations has led him to form the opinion that the Canterbury District of Kent should be condemned, as the members are no longer capable of the duties which they have for so many years been trusted with.

As I have been a member of the district for about 48 years and am therefore one of the condemned, I should like to point out a spot which probably will be omitted from the study. The crack ringers mentioned applied for many of the district towers recently, and according to reports these were very kindly granted them for their use and pleasure—not one single penny was asked for steepleage—11 peals were scored, one peal lost. It must be outstanding to anyone that great care must have been given by someone in all those towers to help in the success achieved, and these were the Canterbury District men.

The question to me now arises, 'What of the future?' When applications are received and all our glamour boys are dumped as unfit for further service, who are we to look to for that great care of the bells?

Turning to the page where the black spots have appeared, I am afraid that no words of mine can alter the serious position that any man places himself in who chooses to abuse 200 ringers who are engaged in the sacred work of the church bells in 51 towers.

CHARLES TURNER,
Captain of St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

METHOD RECORDING BY MACHINE

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read the letter by A. J. C. in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' re Mr. Woodhouse's ringing machine and its versatility in printing diagrams of methods by pen attachment and I congratulate Mr. Woodhouse on its achievement, which reminds me of the ringing machine designed and made many years ago by the late John Carter, and later presented by him to the Science Museum, South Kensington, where it still is.

I remember this machine 40 years ago and saw it in operation many times. It was worked by a small electric motor which was driven by a small gas engine and my job was to attend to the engine, which at times gave a considerable amount of trouble, as many did in those days.

This machine, named 'The Campanamutophone,' was also adapted for printing diagrams of any desired method on a paper roll; it was also fitted with an attachment which printed the full figures of a method or the course-ends only as they were rung. 'Calls,' such as Bob or Single, were made by pressing a button at the correct moment, and I believe John Carter's machine was the first designed to do this work. A good description of this machine was printed in 'The Model Engineer,' March 5th, 1925: also another good description in Mr. Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Ringing,' page 549.

I am not detracting in the least Mr. Woodhouse's wonderful machine, which many would like to see and hear, and I am hoping that facilities will be more readily available in the near future for demonstrations of these two ringing machines. ALBERT WALKER.
Birmingham 28.

Purpose of Sunday Ringing

Dear Sir,—Since a small band of ringers, whoever they are, and wherever they come from, have found cause to denounce the licensing laws, may I ask them what purpose burns within their hearts as they converge on their village church or cathedral belfry on a Sunday morning? (Dare I say evenings, too?)

Is it that they are churchmen and have a duty to perform—similar to that of sidesmen or choirmen—before joining in the service of God? Or is it for the purpose of a Sunday practice at campanology, quite apart from its religious objective? Or, finally, do they foster that quaint idea that they have helped to 'bring' people to church by their ringing and are, therefore, deserving of a refresher? —Yours faithfully, 'OLD CROSS.'
Leicestershire.

REFORM WANTED

Dear Sir,—'Reform is wanted,' of that there is no doubt, but not so much in the licensing laws as in the ringing circles of some famous bands. What more scandalous position is there than when ringers leave the church for either coffee or strong drink just when those people they have called have just entered for service? Surely after service is time for that. —Yours faithfully, W. J. PARKER.
Sandhurst, Berks.

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

At the cordial invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Gordon Sylvester) and local ringers, the Society held their monthly meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Lincs, on September 11th. The many members who travelled by bus, ferry boat and train to attend were well rewarded by having access to two delightful rings of bells—St. Peter's (8), tenor 10 cwt., and St. Mary's (8), tenor 16 cwt.

A good touch of Stedman Triples preceded the service at St. Peter's, which was conducted by the Vicar, who used the Society's own form of service. He gave an inspiring address.

A meat tea was provided in the Institute and over 40 did full justice to the fare. The president (Mr. G. Williams) took the chair for the business meeting, supported by the Ringing Master, vice-president and committee.

Mr. Albert E. Sellers reported on the August meeting at Bridlington, and forthcoming meetings announced were Middleton-on-the-Wolds, October 9th, and Market Weighton in November. Mr. Lister expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar, organist and local ringers, and Mr. W. Goddard, on behalf of the last named, said they were always pleased to welcome the Society. Mr. and Mrs. H. Easter were elected members.

Ringing included courses of Double Norwich and St. Clement's Court Bob Major. All agreed that the meeting had been a happy reunion of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire ringers.

OBITUARY

GEORGE PESTELL BURTON.

It is with regret we record the sudden death on September 21st of George Pestell Burton, at his home at Old Catton, near Norwich. Mr. Burton was 73 years of age, and for the greater part of his life was closely identified with ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, to which church he gave signal service.

It was solely by his efforts, during part of the time he was Master of Mancroft Guild, that the 13th bell was added, and he was the driving force in the heavy job of creating a new company when the Guild, the successor of the old Norwich Scholars, was started in 1907. In the same year he became hon. auditor to the Norwich Association, an office he continued to hold until his death, and from 1908 to 1920 was also one of the representatives to the Central Council. During these many years he gave valued help and advice to successive secretaries, who appreciated his sound judgment.

Although not a prolific peal ringer — his record for the Norwich Association was 54 on tower and handbells—he was skilful and safe in all he did. In early manhood he lived for a time at Burton-on-Trent, and there rang with the expert company at St. Paul's a good many peals in, at that time, the comparatively rare complex methods.

With his younger brother John and the late J. A. Trollope—all at school together—they started Minor ringing on a set of home-made handbells, and after scoring a 5,000, obtained the help of others of similar age. This band rapidly scored peals from Triples to Royal, including 11,200 of Bob Major, at that time the record length 'in hand.' This was perhaps the most enjoyable part of his ringing life, for either tower or handbells were going at all times of the day or night.

Mr. Burton was a keen churchman, and for some years had been warden at St. John's, Maddermarket, and was also a member of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society. It was his love for things of past days that prompted him to select, for larger business premises, an old Norwich posting inn. This was only the width of the street from the west face of the tower of Mancroft, and in its former days had seen performances of masques and plays by the old strolling players.

To his intimates he was known to be as steadfast as a rock, and one whose integrity was beyond question.

The funeral was at Old Catton Church on Friday last, and the sympathy of all old friends goes out to Mrs. Burton and their two sons. C.E.B.

OUTING

ST. PETER'S, DUNSTABLE.

Five towers in Bucks and Berks were visited on September 18th by ringers of St. Peter's, Dunstable, together with friends from Barking, Luton, Leighton Buzzard and Woburn.

The first tower was West Wycombe, with its handy eight and stiff climb from the road: then came Stoke Poges, in which the company was joined by local ringers, and after lunch at Maidenhead good touches were rung at Old Windsor. Good striking was enjoyed at Wokingham Parish Church, and after tea permission was received and the company welcomed by the Vicar at Twyford. Here some of the best ringing of the day took place, including Superlative, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

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QUARTER PEALS

BURFORD, OXON. — On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Soden 1, E. J. Hill 2, J. W. Dixon 3, G. H. Wright 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms (first in method as cond.) 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. J. H. Prince 8.

BOURNEMOUTH. — On Sept. 12th, at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gould (first quarter) 1, G. Evenden (first as cond.) 2, M. Best (first of Grandsire 'inside') 3, M. Routh 4, Miss D. Gould 5, J. Crouch (Reigate) 6, A. Butler 7, H. Mitchell 8.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 3rd, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: C. Buesden 1, G. French 2, Miss Brenda Philpott 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, J. Unwin 5, S. Walter 6, F. R. Weller (first on ten as cond.) 7, F. A. Wells 8, B. J. Luck 9, H. R. French 10. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral os Sept. 12th, 1,260 Erin Triples: P. Swindley 1, J. W. Best 2, J. S. Webb 3, F. H. Birks 4, H. O. Baker 5, A. B. Close 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8. First in the method by all.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Church of the Annunciation on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Chris. R. Packer (age 12, first of Triples) 1, John H. Arlet (age 14) 2, Miss E. M. Sills 3, John L. Morris (age 12, first as conductor) 4, R. S. Goodchild 5, R. L. Sills 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, E. Wingfield 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Raybould 1, Miss H. Bloomer 2, A. Grove 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, R. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, J. Griffiths 8. First in method 2 and 8.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 2,520 Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and 360 Plain Bob): A. E. Symonds 1, G. Cherry 2, L. Fidler 3, E. W. Winters 4, T. H. Townsend 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Townsend.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — At All Saints' on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. B. Thirst 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Eileen D. Farrell (first in method) 3, S. Croft 4, D. J. Charnley 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, F. Hopgood 7, E. J. White 8.

KILKHAMPTON, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissatt 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. E. Taylor (first on eight) 3, A. J. Hicks 4, C. Sangwin 5, G. Skinner 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, F. Sangwin 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

LONDON.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Giles-in-the-Field, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Begrie 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, E. W. Rowe (first quarter in the method 'inside') 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, J. Clifford 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. H. Russell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, H. Belcher 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, S. Wade 5, R. W. Green 6, J. Thomas 7, J. Phillips 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1 and 2.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS. — On Aug. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, J. B. Ford 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, G. Martin 4, E. E. Gosling 5, W. Welling 6, G. Swift 7, W. L. Gutteridge 8. First of Surprise by 2 and 5. Also 16th birthday 2.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 5th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Wilton (first of Triples) 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first 'inside') 3, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 4, S. Palmer 5, J. Berry 6, W. W. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence on Sept. 4th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Shouler 1, F. Boswell 2, F. Mynard, sen. 3, V. Adams 4, F. Mynard, jun. 5, M. Cook (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by 1, 4 and 6. For the wedding of Mr. G. Grace, Wolverton, and Miss Betty Digby, and a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fisher, of Olney.

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BIRTH

DITMAS.—On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, 1948, at Beechcroft, Sundridge, to Monica (nee Richardson), wife of Christopher H. Ditmas, a daughter (Sheila Fellowes). 4144

MARRIAGE

EDWARDS—CROSSLEY-BOYNE.—On Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1948, at Woodgreen Congregational Church, Leafield, Derby, Ronald Michael Edwards, A.M.E., to Elesia Julia Crossley-Boyne, M.A., L.R.A.M.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 2nd, at 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. 4064

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Finchingfield (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Spains Hall, Finchingfield, Braintree.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division. — Quarterly meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available 3 till 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Prittlewell (10) from 6.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4068

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday Oct. 2nd. St. Alphege's (6), St. Dunstan's (6) available from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4079

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4085

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 4.30 p.m. 311th anniversary dinner will be held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Particulars later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4101

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. 4099

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Sawston (8), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. (provided).—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 4127

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Calverleigh, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names early to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 4129

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice, Bromyard, Oct. 2nd, Stoke Lacey, Oct. 30th, at 5 p.m.—A. Tomkins. 4130

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Oxhey (8) (adjoining Bushey Station, L.M.S. and Bakerloo), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4121

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Cotgrave (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4134

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). — Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening from 7.30 p.m. 4120

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — W.W.H. Branch. — Autumn meeting, Hinton Waldrist (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4131

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting at Henley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Bring own food and dry tea.—Edward G. Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4104

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity, Hull (10), on Oct. 2nd. Bells available till 9 p.m. Business meeting 2.30, followed by short service at 3.15. Meat tea (3s. 6d. each) in the Young People's Institute, George Street.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 4103

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. — Meeting, Kelsale (8), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 3. Tea in cafe 2s. 3d. each.—W. Smith, District Sec. 4143

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 3.30 p.m. Tea at Wakefields.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4173

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Dedication of Birstall bells, augmented to a ring of eight. A hearty welcome to all friends and ringers, Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 8 p.m. 4146

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. All Saints' bells 2.30. Tea, Herbert's Cafe, Bank Street, 4.15, followed by business meeting. Evensong 6 p.m. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4114

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Please notify by Oct. 5th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting, Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 4118

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. Division. — Meeting at Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Rev. J. Ransome, The Rectory, Great Bromley, by the 6th. — H. J. Millatt, District Sec., Colchester. 4090

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Norton, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea arranged for, bring food. All welcome. — G. Briggs and H. Chaddock, Hon. Secs. 4137

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 9th, at Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields 3 to 5 p.m. Service 5.15. Tickets still available. Last day for receiving applications, Oct. 2nd. Please send remittance (12s. 6d. each) when applying to G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4122

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Autumn meeting, Shiplake (8), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Followed by tea (2s. 6d.). Names by 6th to P. E. Hart, Assistant Secretary, 90, Addison Road, Reading. 4147

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Barrington (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Notice for tea essential by Tuesday, Oct. 5th, to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 4148

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Middleton-on-Wolds, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea (2s. 6d.) for all who notify Mr. E. Dooks, Station Road, Middleton-on-Wolds, near Driffield, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 6th. 4149

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bring own food.—I. Kay. 4150

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. —Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Oct. 9th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Bensham, Gateshead 8, by 7th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 4153

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Bucklebury (8), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names to Miss Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading, by Oct. 6th. 4157

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Pentlow (5) available in afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. at Tudor Guest House if sufficient names are received by Wednesday, Oct. 6th. Notify A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4158

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Aylestone (8), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those notifying Mr. F. E. Wilson, 98, Evesham Road, Leicester, by Wednesday, Oct. 6th. — W. J. Root, Dis. Sec. 4165

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Quarterly, Orlingbury, Oct. 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Bring food.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 4161

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch. — Autumn meeting, Carbis Bay (8), Oct. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea. Lelant (6) also. —Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 4164

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), Oct. 9th, 3. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 7th. — C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells. 4167

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Please take own tea.—H. Denman. 4168

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Billesdon (6), Oct. 9th. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon, by Wednesday, Oct. 6th latest.—H. Morton, Dis, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Church near Clapton (ex-L.N.E.R.) Station.—T. J. Lock, N. and E. District Sec. 4166

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — Meeting, Portishead, Oct. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4183

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Hindley, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will all those requiring tea please advise Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, by Oct. 5th?—L. J. Burns.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Saddington, Oct. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Saddington Hall. Names by Oct. 5th to L. W. Allen, Great Glenn. 4185

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 9th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by Oct. 5th to Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 4170

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Thurlaston, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4 to 4.30. Cups of tea 5 o'clock.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4171

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Mildenhall (10), Oct. 9th, 2.30 p.m. For tea (5 p.m.) notify Mr. P. Fordham, 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Private coach leaves St. Margaret's, Ipswich, 1.30 p.m. Book seats early through C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4172

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Biddenham (6) on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 4174

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Freshford, Oct. 9th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Notification for tea essential by 6th to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 4175

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly business meeting, All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting 4.—M. Johnston, Secretary. 4176

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Middlewich (8), Oct. 9th, 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Harry Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 4178

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beckington, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 4179

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. 4180

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Lonsdale, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 4187

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4190

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Luke's, Chelsea (10), Oct. 9th, 3. Tea 4.45. Humphreys, Kings Road, opposite Gaumont (names early). Business 5.45, Church Hall. Fulham (10) or Battersea (8), 7 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4196

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bacup St. Saviour on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6. Cups of tea, bring own food. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4189

LADIES' GUILD and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Joint meeting, Bassingham (6), Oct. 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify J. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, by the Tuesday previous.—A. Richardson and J. Freeman, Hon. Secs. 4188

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, Oct. 9th. Bells 3. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. Watson, 47, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, not later than Oct. 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 4191

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch. — Meeting, Runcorn, Oct. 9th. Advise Mr. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, if requiring tea by 6th.—John E. Ashcroft.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Halewood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells open 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 4.30 in Derby Arms. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. Robinson, Halewood Farm, Halewood, near Liverpool, before Wednesday, Oct. 6th. — P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec., 3, The Rooley, Huyton, Liverpool. 4197

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival, Oct. 16th, at Lancaster Hall. Assemble 5.30 for dinner at 6, entertainment 7.30, dancing 9.30 to 11.45. Tickets 10s. each (entertainment and dance only 3s. 6d.). Apply early, with remittance, Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Ringing details: All Saints' (6), 10.30 to 12, 2 to 4.30; St. John's (10), 11 to 12.30; Belgrave (8), 1.45 to 3, 3.30 to 4.15; Cathedral (12), 2 to 4.30; St. Margaret's (12), 1.30 to 2.30, 3 to 4.30. 4111

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Meeting, Pitminster (6), Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 4156

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Rochester Cathedral (10) and Chatham (8) available after meeting. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 4155

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finedon, Oct. 16th. Service 4.15. Names for tea. —A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening at Newmarket. Requests for tea to arrive by Oct. 13th.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, Norfolk. 4169

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets 6s. each, obtainable until Monday, Oct. 11th, from branch and general secretaries. Bells available: Cathedral (12) and All Saints' (front six) 3-5 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham, Worcs. 4184

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Meeting at Islip (6), Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Kirtlington (8) available in evening. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 4193

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea must send name and numbers to Mr. A. J. Bartlett, The Forge, Chiddingfold. — A. C. Hazelden, District Secretary. 4163

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Annual meeting, Oct. 16th, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 2.30. St. Luke's, Chelsea, 7. Names for tea to V. J. Benning, 15, Fremantle Road, Belvedere. First practice, St. Stephen's, Hampstead, Oct. 11th, 6.30. 4181

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THE art of seeing ourselves is not easy. Recently there appeared in 'The Times Literary Supplement' an article entitled 'What Kind of People are the English?' This article attracted wide attention and has been extensively quoted not only in this country but in America as an endeavour to portray the characteristics of our race.

One of these characteristics is of pattern and of order. 'It is responsible for their delight in ships, the supreme example of a patterned life, for their fame abroad as troupe dancers ("les Girls"), for the spectacle of Trooping the Colours.' Then proceeds the unknown author :—

> 'The most extreme example is that of bellringing. Give a continental campanologist a spire full of great bells, and he will begin to play a tune on them. Only the English will undertake an endless series of ringing-the-changes; pulling sally after sally, for hour after hour, with no other purpose than to pursue some intricate rhythm in company, through peal after peal, clanging over a countryside to the grave consideration and admiration of the whole parish.
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> 'This absorption in pattern is one aspect of the general power of absorption, of concentration, which the Englishman so specially enjoys. . . .'

Was the author of this article a bellringer? In those few words he reveals one of the secrets of the peal ringer's art—the joy that comes from absorption and concentration. Rarely, even, in ringing circles, is this particular quality extolled. Many have spoken of the delight of listening to the music of the bells and have assumed that this is the particular fascination for the ringer that enables him to continue for three or four hours in a state of blissful enchantment. Others have spoken of the inspiration, begat of determination and achievement. The writer is indeed near the truth in regard to our art.

Ringers too frequently earn for themselves an invidious distinction of being peculiar people. At times even their sanity is questioned and they are regarded by their friends as being 'Nuts' on ringing. The words of this unknown author come as a great refreshment in this somewhat uncharitable world. That our enthusiasm for bellringing embodies certain of the characteristics that have made our race famous is heartening. We can now sincerely say 'We are true to type.'

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> 'They produce from time to time personalities transcending ordinary human limitations. Then they drive other nations to a frenzy by patronising these archangels who have come among them, and by indicating that any ordinary Englishman could do better if he liked to take the trouble.'

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TEN BELL PEALS

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
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Harry F. Holding	*Treble*	*George A. Packer	6
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*Barnabas G. Key	5	John Worth	*Tenor*

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At the Church of All Saints,
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Tenor 13½ cwt.

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Frank W. Perrens	2	Thomas W. Sheppard	7
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints,
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Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method.
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Edwin G. Moore	*Treble*	*Herbert Badder	5
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At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Gerald G. Bridger	*Treble*	William H. Waldron	5
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RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Harold Walker	*Treble*	Alan J. Brown	5
Frank Reynolds	2	Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	6
*Frank J. Maude,	3	Richard Benson	7
*George A. Bell	4	†Leonard Reynolds	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Joan, wife of the ringer of the second.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*Frederick Sheraton	*Treble*	*Samuel C. Walker	5
John Anderson	2	Thomas W. Crowe	6
Miss Margaret Fidell	3	Adam Deas	7
William H. Barber	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal in the method. To celebrate the first anniversary of the conductor's wedding at this church.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary of Charity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*Peter R. Jemmett (14)	*Treble*	*Wilfred S. Palin	5
*Miss Eileen S. Wyles	2	Fredk. G. Huckstepp	6
*Frank Pack	3	Albert J. Lancefield	7
†Peter D. Huckstepp	4	Mark S. Lancefield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Lancefield.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

John E. Chilcott	*Treble*	John W. Stephenson	5
Michael V. Chilcott	2	Richard F. Deal	6
Herbert Langdon	3	Horace Belcher	7
Percy E. Clark	4	Hugh M. Page	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Langdon.

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SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

James J. Jackson ...	*Treble*	Ronald Kenrick	5
Norman Heaps	2	Thomas Hesketh	6
Thomas H. Horridge ...	3	James W. Grounds ...	7
Frank Varty	4	Joseph Ridyard ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights (74). Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
First peal in the method by all except 4th and 6th ringers. First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam Dr. Henry McGowan, Bishop of Wakefield, late Vicar of Emmanuel, Southport.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Charles H. Baker	*Treble*	George W. Moody ...	5
Stanley Bennett ...	2	George E. Feirn	6
Jack Bray	3	Philip Barnes	7
*Arthur Tomlinson ...	4	George Dobbs ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Wilton,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt.

Arthur H. Reed ...	*Treble*	*Henry G. Keeley ...	5
Cuthbert W. H. Powell	2	Thos. Cullingworth...	6
Thos. W. Taffender ...	3	William G. Gigg ...	7
Ronald W. Hayward ...	4	G. Stedman Morris ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

George W. Cecil	*Treble*	*Albert E. Laker ...	5
Frank B. Lufkin	2	C. Ernest Smith ...	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	William T. Beeson ...	7
Kenneth Snelling ...	4	Oliver Sippetts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Walter H. Dobbie	*Treble*	Stanley M. Evans ...	5
Benjamin F. Baker ...	2	Arthur S. Boar	6
Doris G. Dobbie ...	3	Louis Head	7
*Bert W. May	4	George Wood ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Head.
* First peal of Stedman. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Boar, also a birthday peal for George Wood and Mr. Alfred H. Pulling.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Edward Barker ...	*Treble*	Leslie W. Houghton...	5
*Walter J. Houghton...	2	*Bert Gogle	6
George P. Adams ...	3	Ernest H. Mastin ...	7
William Buckenham ...	4	Claude Cousins ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Hunt. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*John D. Rock ...	*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton...	5
†Eric O. Davies	2	Austin T. Wingate ...	6
Charles L. Sadler ...	3	*Leslie Evans	7
Walter Taylor	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Conducted by W. F. Moreton.
*** 50th peal together. † First peal of Major.**

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Joseph H. W. White ...	*Treble*	William A. Stote ...	5
C. Henry Webb	2	John W. T. Taylor ...	6
Hubert G. Summers ...	3	George Gardner ...	7
Percy Stone	4	*John W. Taylor...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. H. W. White.
* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Clifford Bird ...	*Treble*	Leslie W. Houghton ...	5
Walter C. Medler ...	2	Nolan Golden	6
Charles E. G. Banham	3	F. Chas. Goodman ...	7
Walter J. Houghton ...	4	George Sayer ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
In memoriam George Pestell Burton, an association member since 1892, Central Council member and auditor. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF EDINBURCH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

John Walden ...	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse ...	5
Miss Betty Brown ...	2	Thomas H. Francis ...	6
Charles McGuiness ...	3	John A. Freeman... ...	7
Fredk. W. Stokes ...	4	John Freeman ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Freeman.
The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland, 320 Bristol, 320 New Gloucester, 320 Eastcote, 320 Norfolk, 320 Wembley, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Pudsey, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

Margaret L. Tutt	*Treble*	*Betty Spice	5
*Marie R. Cross	2	*Wilfrid F. Moreton...	6
James Higgins	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Walter F. Judge	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in twelve methods.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Frank Moreton ...	*Treble*	‡J. W. Frank Trotman	5
†Margaret Beamish ...	2	John E. S. Moreton...	6
Arthur H. Beamish ...	3	James F. Clarke ...	7
Mrs. A. H. Beamish...	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. A Variation of Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Miss Nancy M. Evans	*Treble*	Harry W. Howard ...	5
Eric Hornby	2	David Smith	6
Miss Elizabeth Morton	3	Albert H. Booth ...	7
Harry Parker	4	Cecil Raddon ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Parker.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

H. Peter Raynor	*Treble*	Neil I. Allnatt	5
Margaret L. Tutt ...	2	*Wilfrid F. Moreton...	6
Betty Spice	3	*Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Albert Diserens	4	Walter F. Judge	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by W. F. Judge.
*** First peal in the method.** Tenor 18 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

MULLION, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Melaine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being thirty-six 120's and three 240's (10 callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

Marion Lidgey ...	...*Treble*	*Sidney Wade	4
Percy Williams	2	Vivyan Williams	5
*Harry Miles	3	James Vincent ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Vivyan Williams.
* First peal of Doubles.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

Thomas Hill	...*Treble*	Charles Haylings ...	4
Frank Lawrence	2	Cyril Halling	5
Arthur Bennett	3	Peter Bennett ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Haylings.
To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Butler.

UPLYME, DEVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising three extents Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Henry G. Keeley	...*Treble*	Geo. Stedman Morris...	4
Cuthbert W. H. Powell	2	Brian Pidgeon	5
Thos. W. Taffender ...	3	Thos. Cullingworth ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*George Palmer	*Treble*	Alfred E. Honeywood	4
George W. Moss ...	2	Noel K. Foakes	5
Charles A. Andrews...	3	Alan R. Andrews	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*Monica M. Dutton (21)	*Treble*	Alfred W. Cusick (16)	4
†Thos. Smith (15) ...	2	Chas. B. Pemberton (18)	5
Joan M. Webster (19)	3	A. K. Humphreys (17)...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

Robert Green ...	...*Treble*	Percival H. Hull ...	4
Clifford Scull	2	William Dunkerton ...	5
Harold Scull	3	Victor Roberts ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival H. Hull.
First peal by all except the conductor.

PRESHUTE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Jack Mussell ...	...*Treble*	William E. Court ...	4
Frank L. Harris ...	2	†Ronald N. Marlow ...	5
*Brian Bladon	3	Peter Anger ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in three methods. J. Mussell's 25th peal.

HOO, ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Sydney T. Jarrett	...*Treble*	Thomas Beaumont ...	4
Fredk. Richardson ...	2	Charles E. J. Norris...	5
Edward A. G. Allen ...	3	Wm. A. J. Knight	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
For the wedding of Mr. Allan A. Vidgeon and Miss Jessie E. Wright.

WESTON-UNDERWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 35, 37, 48, 50. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Edith Sharpe ...	...*Treble*	Albert L. Cadwell ...	4
Arthur R. Armstrong...	2	Victor S. Adams	5
Reginald H. Howson	3	Maurice Cook ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice Cook.
First peal as conductor. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Hester.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. G. Ford	...*Treble*	W. H. Toms	4
J. H. Hayne	2	H. J. Ford	5
W. G. Trevett	3	A. W. Ellery ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. J. Ford.
In commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Trevor J. Bowkett ...	*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton ...	4
Leslie Evans	2	John D. Rock	5
E. Peter Rock	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt.

Herbert Moore ...	...*Treble*	*Edward Gregory ...	4
Frederick Leech ...	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Walter Lycett	3	Joseph Capper ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward V. Rodenhurst. ... ...
* First peal.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, C.C.C. Nos. 50, 48, 49, 55, 37, 29, 28.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Albert W. Gibbons	...*Treble*	*Dennis J. Pitstow ...	4
*Arthur E. Barlow ...	2	*Ronald W. Gibbons ...	5
*William J. Vann ...	3	Eric Nobles ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First peal of Minor. 25th peal as conductor.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 20, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
C.C.C. 167. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Percy A. Smith ...	...*Treble*	Wilfred Young	4
Stanley Shipp	2	William Fay	5
*Eric Smith	3	William Seekings	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Seekings.
* First peal of Treble Bob. To celebrate the 79th birthday of Mr. A. J. Abrams.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Sidney A. Ansell	*Treble*	Henry C. Weaver	4
Edgar R. Rapley ...	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Cecil R. Longhurst...	3	Raymond Wood, jun. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Groves.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Donald Pearson (16)...	*Treble*	John Worth	4
Wilfred Stevenson ...	2	*Ernest Pimlott	5
Alan A. Potts (16) ...	3	*John P. Jackson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan A. Potts.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At 11, Exton Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Albert H. Ward	1-2	Daniel L. T. Matkin ...	5-6
Mre. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently.

*Miss Marion Piper ...	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton	3-4
Miss Brenda Fells ...	5-6		

Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.
* First peal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of All Saints' Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Richard Croswell... ...	1-2	Edwin J. Lindley	5-6
Miss Jill Brittain	3-4	H. William Barratt ...	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
A birthday compliment to Miss Jill Brittain. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Mary's Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Miss Jill Brittain	1-2	*Harold N. Pitstow ...	5-6
Edwin J. Lindley	3-4	Denis N. Layton	7-8
		†Frank E. Darby	9-10

Adapted from E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
Witness: Miss Josephine Milborrow.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal on ten handbells. A birthday compliment to Miss Jill Brittain. Tenor size 19 in F.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one extent each of College, St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. Ernest McGrath ...	1-2	John T. Dunwoody ...	3-4
		*Frederick E. Dukes ...	5-6

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.
* 50th peal. First peal in four Minor methods for all the band.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 10 extents St. Simon's Doubles (4 different callings), 12 extents Plain Bob (4 different callings) and 20 extents Grandsire (10 different callings). Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. Ernest McGrath ...	1-2	John T. Dunwoody ...	3-4
		*William A. Patterson...	5-6

Conducted by A. Ernest McGrath.
* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the craft will send their good wishes to Mr. E. Barnett, of 10, Kings Close, Crayford, Kent, who is being installed Master of Gavelkind Lodge No. 4266 on October 16th.

Mr. H. Parker has 'circled' St. Mary's, Sandbach, Cheshire.

To reach his century of peals—Mr. John W. Taylor.

Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, the popular secretary of the Irish Association, has rung his 50th peal and his 25th this year. Of these he has called 30. Associations or guilds he has rung for are Irish (40), Kent (3), Middlesex (2), Devon, Lancashire, Leicester, St. Martin's and Chester.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite, of Preston, is taking a twelve months' teaching course at Stone in Staffordshire. He will be very much missed in the Preston Branch, but his colleagues hope that he will secure an appointment in Preston at the conclusion of his training.

Fifty years a regular Sunday service ringer at the same church is the proud record just completed by Mr. Ernest Nidd, of St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham. To mark the occasion his brother ringers rang on Sept. 26th 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Thorpe 1, S. Proctor (cond.) 2, R. Parker 3, E. Nidd 4, J. Watson 5, F. Parsons 6, P. C. Reg Woods 7, H. Huxley 8, T. Hall 9, R. Pick 10. First quarter 'inside' of Grandsire Caters by 3 and 5.

Child Okeford, Blandford, features an annual ringers' service. This year's celebraton on September 12th included handbells accompanying the hymns and the ringing of 120 Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' during the service. The Rev. Canning, of Hanford School, gave an address on bells, their message, structure and the art of bellhanging. Standard methods were rung on the tower bells, visitors as far distant as Shepton Mallet attending.

Coincidence! Miss Betty Spice rang her 250th peal and Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton his 150th at Witney, Oxon. It was their 75th together.

The eight bells of Luton Parish Church are to be recast and augmented to a ring of ten. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have removed the bells.

'Happy birthday' was said to Miss Jill Brittain with two handbell peals—at Kingston and Ewell. The same conductor, Mr. Edwin J. Lindley, officiated on each occasion.

Margaret Beamish has now completed 25 peals at the age of 13 years and 3 months. Included are 13 peals of Surprise and three handbell peals, all of Stedman (Triples, Caters and Cinques). The peal was rung at Edenham, Lincs, and afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. W. A. Holmes.

First member of the Llandaff Association resident in Glamorganshire to ring 300 peals is Mr. E. Stitch. He rang his first peal on July 5th, 1919. Mr. Stitch has called a peal of Doubles from each bell at Cadoxton, near Neath, and has twice 'circled' the tower.

Over £20 was raised by a bellringers' social for the bell fund at St. Peter's Church, Ash, Surrey, on September 25th. Mr. C. W. Denver (Farnham District Ringing Master) and Mr. Harold Cole were M.C.s. Messrs. G. S. Joyce and P. Eldridge (Farnborough) entertained with illuminated handbell ringing.

An addition of a 'C' to the name of David Vincent in our peal columns has brought forth an assurance that he is neither a Claud, Clarence nor Cuthbert. The muse struck him this way:—

The policeman laughed with fiendish glee,
As to the initials simple he
Made addition of the letter C.
That Law is right will accepted be,
So without a charge or any fee
Our friend once known as just plain D.V.
Rejoices now in his D.C.V.

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A Paradise for Tenor Men

DURING last year's North Yorkshire tour, organised by Mr. J. E. Cawser, it was suggested to make a tour of Somerset, mainly, of course, in search of weight of metal. This suggestion quickly gained favour and 14 ringers accepted invitations to take part. Mr. Cawser again shouldered the responsibility of organising the tour and planned most capably.

The party met at the Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol, on Friday evening, August 27th, four peals having been arranged for the following day. Three of the party served as a committee to select the various bands throughout the week and in most cases each individual had his orders for the morrow overnight. With the kind help of two local ringers, who stood in to make up two complete eight-bell bands, successful attempts were made at both Wraxhall and Congresbury in the morning.

The tour received a most promising beginning by the warmth of welcome given at Wraxhall by Miss Waterman, the local secretary, and by the Vicar, who met the band and congratulated them after the peal. An invitation to look round the Vicarage gardens could not be accepted owing to lack of time. Wraxhall itself proved a most delightful spot.

Congresbury tenor had been on Mr. J. C. E. Simpson's 'waiting list' for a number of years with the belief that to turn it in to London would be a bit of an ordeal. However, this did not prove to be the case, for a good peal of London was successfully brought round in three hours and 45 minutes without any really undue stress.

After lunch both bands, with the exception of three, met at Wrington for an attempt for Yorkshire Royal. It soon became evident that a peal of Royal on these bells was not an easy proposition for a strange band in this tower, and the call 'Stand' was made by the conductor after about an hour's very indifferent ringing. Several theories were put forward in excuse for our failure, such as ringing above or even below the oscillation of the tower. To get the best out of Wrington's majestic ten still remains a mystery to the tourists, but a few words of wisdom from someone experienced in ringing on these bells will be very welcome. Three of the party who did not stand in at Wrington made up a band at Redcliffe for Stedman Cinques, but without success. At least we shall remember Wrington for the excellent dinner served at one of the local inns during the evening.

Despite this early failure, the party soon proved that weight was no object by putting in some good ringing at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, for morning service on Sunday, and an excellent course of Cambridge Royal after service on the back ten very quickly renewed the confidence of those who were to ring at Wells later in the week.

Again in the afternoon the tourists divided into two parties, one going out of town to Long Ashton and the other to Olviston, Gloucestershire. At Long Ashton they were made very welcome by the local band, who had the bells up in readiness. It was a special pleasure to meet Mr. G. Yeo, who has been a ringer at Long Ashton for 60 years. A good peal of Bristol was brought round, but did not finish until several minutes after the evening service had begun. When Mr. Simpson apologised, the Vicar assured him that he did not mind and was glad that they had got the peal. This assurance was naturally a great relief to the band, who, incidentally, had to walk back to Bristol as all buses were full.

At Olviston the 'second team' were welcomed to the tower by the leader of the local ringers. This handy Taylor eight were soon going at a rather brisk pace to Superlative, and a good peal was brought in 3 hours and 2 minutes. This was by far the quickest peal of the tour and not exactly in keeping with times taken by the other performances. After the peal the band were entertained by the Vicar to a really grand tea at the Vicarage. During tea the Vicar expressed his wish for the tourists to ring another peal after evening service, but, of course, this offer was not accepted. Before returning to the hotel a call was made at St. Stephen's, Bristol, where touches of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were tapped out in good style, much to the amusement of all the visitors, as the two trebles, commonly known as the 'cuckoo bells,' cause a somewhat weird effect.

Monday morning saw two parties off in different directions. One went to Thornbury for a peal of Yorkshire Major and the other to Chew Magna for Bristol. At Thornbury a good peal was scored without incident except that the ringers of the 5th and 6th had had enough for one morning as neither of these two bells went too well. At Chew Magna a very different tale may be told, for here the Whitechapel foundry has produced a grand eight with a tenor 28¼ cwt. in the key of C. With the help of the veteran Mr. Alfred Reeves, who gave a polished demonstration of treble ringing, an excellent peal of Bristol simply rolled home, and it can be said that the lunch provided at the local inn after the peal certainly made it a day never to be forgotten.

In the afternoon both bands met at Chewton Mendip, where eight very fortunate ones were selected to ring Bristol on one of Taylor's finest rings of eight. A good deal of work was put in on the bells before the attempt could be made, for two or three ropes had to be spliced and a Frodsham rope put on the 6th, not forgetting a spot of oil, just in case! This delay caused rather a late start and hence a very late finish, and for this infringement the band offer their apologies to the local authorities. However, a really excellent peal was scored on this grand eight, very capably handled by Mr. C. K. Lewis, who called his first peal of Bristol. At this juncture the party made for Shepton Mallet, which was to be their headquarters for the following three days.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS.

Tuesday morning found all the party in readiness for the most strenuous effort of the week. At this stage it was not known whether the band were capable of ringing Royal at Wells, and as the Cathedral authorities lay stress on their decision that only one attempt can be made, it seemed rather a risk to attempt to turn the tenor in. However, as the tourists had expressed their wish for all tenors that week to be turned in to Surprise, Mr. J. C. E. Simpson took his stand on the box with sufficient confidence to know that his 'strapper,' Mr. John Worth, would give him every assistance possible. A third man was selected as 'reserve strapper' should the two tenor men wish to change over, but his services were not required despite his climbing the belfry steps three times during the course of the peal. After three or four minutes' rounds the bells went off into changes at six minutes past eleven. To those who were listening outside there were some rather anxious moments during the first three or four leads, but after that the band settled down and the peal was never at any point in doubt. Starting at a really slow beat of 17 changes to the minute, the speed gradually increased to about 21 changes per minute towards the end of the peal. The only previous peal of Royal rung on these bells was in April, 1895, when the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook turned the tenor in to Treble Bob Royal. The band wish to express their most sincere thanks to the Cathedral authorities and also to the verger.



Left to Right (Back Row) R. G. Edwards, J. C. E. Simpson, W. N. Park, E. J. Gilbert, J. Worth, G. Ledsham, J. E. Bibby.

Left to Right (Front Row) A. Potts, L. W. G. Morris, C. K. Lewis, W. Allman, A. Firth, J. E. Cawser, L. Trevor.

The ring of eight at Cheddar was at the tourists' disposal in the afternoon, but apparently one peal at Wells was quite ample for one day, so after a spot of sightseeing through the Cheddar Gorge a brief visit to the tower of Cheddar was made and a few short touches rung before returning to headquarters.

At Mells the following day some excellent London could be heard for about 3 hours, but unfortunately several trips occurred during the last four or five courses which made one rather apprehensive, and, had the conductor, Mr. C. K. Lewis, not been alert, the peal could have been easily lost. However, the visitors did have ample opportunity to hear this really grand eight rung well, and to those who prefer old bells rather than the modern ones, Mells can be highly recommended.

After lunch and a 25-mile drive, Sherborne was reached about 4.30 p.m., but by the time most of the enthusiasts had satisfied themselves as to how well the tenor went, it was 5.10 p.m. before the bells were off into changes. After

DOWN SOMERSET WAY—cont.

commencing very slowly indeed the natural beat for these bells was not obtained until after half-way, although the striking was of the best quality throughout. After strapping Wells tenor for four hours the day before, Mr. John Worth showed no signs of fatigue whatever in the way he simply toyed with the 46 cwt. tenor. Those who have rung at Sherborne will appreciate the amount of excessive noise ringers have to put up with in this tower, and the rasping sound of the tenor fairly vibrates in one's ears. Although perhaps a little overclappered—presumably caused by the balanced clapper—Sherborne tenor is a beautiful bell, and from reports of those who heard the peal some distance away the whole octave sounds grand. It was a tired party that motored back to Shepton Mallet late that night and no one even jokingly suggested calling at Queen Camel on the way.

Another of Somerset's coveted rings, namely, Ditcheat, was at the visitors' disposal on Thursday morning, and it can be safely said that those who took part in a well-struck peal of London there were all delighted by the tone and go of these bells. A neater job of bell-hanging one could not wish to see. Surely a word of praise is due to the towerkeeper at Ditcheat for the cleanliness of his bell chamber. Before lunch various parties posed before the photographer, who, it is believed, made mention of this Northern invasion of bellringers to the West Country in one of the local papers. After a good lunch the whole party made for Martock, where they were welcomed by Mr. Farrant, who had also arranged for a good meal after ringing. It was here where the tourists lost their second peal of the week owing to a change course after about 1¼ hours' good ringing. Before leaving for Yeovil that evening the party bade farewell to Mr. John Worth and the youthful Allan Potts, who were returning to Macclesfield that night.

Friday saw the visiting party further reduced in numbers by the departures of Mr. W. N. Park and Leonard Trevor, but the remaining body managed yet another peal of London that day at Curry Rivel, but lost a peal of Bristol at Drayton in the afternoon owing to a change course after an hour and a half's good ringing. A change of method was advocated at this stage, so it was decided to try Rochester at Crewkerne on Saturday morning. This was accomplished in good style and handled confidently by the conductor.

At Yeovil the party was reduced to seven ringers as the Wirral contingent had to leave, but with the assistance of Messrs. Reed, Clift and Wilfred Williams, a good peal of Cambridge Royal was brought round in semi-darkness—the light not having been switched on before commencement. This brought a total of 14 successful peals out of 17 attempts during the eight days' tour, and as a matter of interest to those who note times and weights, the average time taken of the 14 peals rung was 3 hours 41 minutes, and the average weight of tenors was 30 cwt. The warm welcome given to the tourists by the people of the West Country will be remembered when many other details of the tour are forgotten.

The pleasure of our tour was much enhanced by the willing and enthusiastic efforts of Mr. J. T. Locke, of Drayton, and Mr. D. Clift, of Bristol. R.G.E.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Norton Subcourse on September 4th, attended by 31 members. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Morris) and was followed by tea and a business meeting. The next meeting will be held at Aldeby on November 20th. Various Minor methods were rung and rounds for beginners.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Newcombe 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, J. Taylor 4, L. Parris (cond.) 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8.

National Police Guild

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The National Police Guild does not display any great activity between its annual meetings, but the success of these outweighs any shortcomings. The meeting at Manchester on September 18th would be difficult to excel and gave the utmost pleasure to all attending. Members were present from London, Birmingham, Leicester (City and County), Northants, Kent, Cardiff and, of course, a strong Lancashire contingent.

The party met at the Town Hall, but unfortunately no ringing was possible there before lunch. The bells of the Cathedral were kindly placed at the disposal of those who wished to develop an eppetite for lunch. This was taken at the Engineers Club and just over 100 sat down.

The President, Inspector H. Poole, extended a hearty welcome to the distinguished guests and visitors, notable amongst these being Mr. J. Bell, Chief Constable, Manchester; Mr. C. G. Martin, Chief Constable, Liverpool; Mr. E. Nicholls, G.M., First Assistant Chief Constable, Liverpool; Mr. J. Norris, Town Hall Supt.; and the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. Mr. B. Thorpe, Mr. P. Derbyshire and Mr. Barnes were representative of the old school of Lancashire ringers. Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, evergreen and ever-present, and Mr. F. H. Dexter, of Leicester, were other notable visitors.

Mr. Bell welcomed the Guild to Manchester, the unique home of police bellringers, with a ringing peal at the Town Hall. The business meeting followed an excellent lunch. Inspector H. Poole presided. Letters of apology for absence were referred to, including Vice-President C. P. Hilton, and ex-Sgt. A. Lawrence, who is ill in Barnet Hospital. It was decided that a letter be sent to him wishing him a speedy recovery. A letter was also sent to ex-Sgt. Clayden condoling with him on the recent death of his wife. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of ex-Sgt. A. G. Crane, who had died since the last meeting.

The secretary reported a balance of £13 14s. 7d. at the end of 1947, and reported only one peal for the Guild that year. The printing of a report was considered, but was vetoed on the ground of high cost. Officials and committee were re-elected en bloc, and it was decided to apply for affiliation to the Central Council.

During the day there was ringing at the Town Hall, the Cathedral, Christ Church, Didsbury, and St. Mark's, Worsley, all tastes being met. One hundred and fifty sat down to a fine tea, which was followed by a high-class social evening. Classical selections were rendered on handbells by Mr. J. and Miss Booth. Miss R. Turner sang several soprano solos and the identity of a very fine tenor singer, who sang many old favourites, proved to be D. I. Reynolds, of New Brighton C.I.D. The lighter element was very cleverly provided by Mr. A. James.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to ex-Supt. F. R. Williams and his helpers at Manchester for the splendid arrangements they had made in every respect.

Ten o'clock saw various contingents leaving for home. The next meeting is fixed for Derby in September, 1949. H. G. J.

OUTING

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

On September 25th, the Wormingford, Essex, and district company did some exploring in their own county. With a few ringers from Sudbury they visited Inworth, a good peal of five, but rather noisy. Great Totham came next, which was much admired. A hearty welcome was given to the company at Goldhanger. The experts had to be brought into use at Tolleshunt D'Arcy before any good striking could be heard. The last call was Tollesbury, where tea was provided. The company wish to thank all the incumbents and towerkeepers.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN FLETCHER BALLINGER.

With regret members of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association heard of the illness of their chairman at the meeting at Dumbleton on September 25th and then on September 27th of his death in Cheltenham General Hospital.

Mr. John Fletcher Ballinger was 68 and had been a member of Leckhampton band for many years, usually ringing the seventh. He was the first chairman in 1922 when the branch was formed. A member of the College Youths and one of the older members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, he was never missing if there was any ringing, cycling if wet with umbrella, up the hills between Cheltenham and Painswick. Among his many peals was the record length of 13,001 of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in 1920 when he rang the eleventh.

Floral tributes were sent by the branch, Leckhampton band and Charlton Kings band, and touches of Stedman Triples half-muffled were rung before and after the service by the twelve members present at the funeral on October 1st at Leckhampton. Mrs. Ballinger and family have the sympathy of all who rang with him. C.R.

MR. GEORGE PARKER.

The passing of Mr. George Parker at Northampton General Hospital on September 19th will be regretted by a wide circle of friends, particularly those in the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

He was 75 years of age and had been a faithful ringer at Kingsthorpe Church for 45 years. During that time he always carefully tended the bells and was a devoted churchman and most regular Sunday service ringer.

He rang altogether 37 peals and conducted one. Always very keen on helping and training learners, he would go out of his way to do it. He rang his last peal in 1945.

He will be particularly missed at the Guild meetings, where his quiet, unassuming manner and the perfect way in which he handled his bell were qualities which were admired by the many that knew him.

His death has unfortunately occurred when he and his colleagues had just decided to open a fund to have the bells at Kingsthorpe placed on ball bearings and the tenor recast, the realisation of which would have been such a joy to him, for he truly loved the bells. E.N.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to deprecate the merit of this performance, I think that the claim of the 'heaviest' peal of Surprise Royal yet rung is rather questionable. I assume that the term 'heaviest' is meant to include the total weight of the whole peal. There seems to be a tendency in the West Country for many of our peals to be over tenored, and at Wells there is a difference of 26¼ cwt. in the weights of the 9th and tenor. The peal is, therefore, not so heavy as might appear.

Some years ago Cambridge Royal was rung on the back ten at Southwark Cathedral and was claimed as the 'heaviest.' This was contested by the late W. S. Cave, who had called Cambridge Royal from the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on the grounds that Redcliffe tenor was the heavier. When, however, the aggregate weights of the two peals were compared it was found that Southwark were considerably the heavier. The total weight of the Wells ten is 181 cwt. 2 qr., and St. Mary Redcliffe ten 176 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., a difference of just under 5 cwt. Since this difference is not great I think it would be wise to compare the weights of the Wells and Southwark tens before this claim is accepted.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Stapleton, Bristol.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning to Ring

Dear Sir, — Here's a tip in regard to Mr. Gray's letter in commencing the above.

Start with handbells and learn the elements of change ringing by practising rounds and dodging, tolerating no bad striking and wrong leading. Then commence by ringing changes on four bells, explaining how the treble passes step by step till it reaches 4ths place. This should be done one change at a time,-repeating that change if the pupil has not 'spied' the bell that struck after him. Then explain how to run down to lead by passing the three bells in the same order.

When rope-sight stage is reached, practise running the half lead and then ask the correct order.

From four bells go to five (with tenor behind) and increase the number progressively up to 12 bells showing how to use the course and after bells, always striving to make the pupil do a little more each time. It can be done. It has been done even to ringing 1-2 through the plain course.

Before teaching inside work the pupil should have some good runs of touches.

Opinions vary as to which methods should be taught first, and how. I still adhere to my own ideas.

It has been stated in 'The Ringing World' that it takes three years to become a ringer. I've heard it said it takes anything up to ten years! This depends on circumstances and our methods of instruction.

In learning to play the piano the pupil is expected to practise for two hours every day and you (might) become proficient in three years.

Why not apply this rule to learning change ringing and so become efficient in two months or less?—Yours truly, H. DEW.

Bishop's Stortford.

THE STRANGER AND HIS WELCOME

Dear Sir,—'Duffield' in his letter in a recent issue was evidently referring to Birmingham. At St. Martin's Church the bells are rung regularly each Sunday 10 to 11 a.m. throughout the year and also the first Sunday evening in the month. This limitation is due to organ recitals preceding the evening service on the remaining Sunday evenings.

A postcard sent to any of the well-known ringers in Birmingham would have prevented disappointment as there are other churches in the city where ringing takes place both morning and evening throughout the year and where any visiting ringer would be sure of a very hearty welcome. It is also possible to telephone to several Birmingham ringers from the many public telephone kiosks adjacent to St. Martin's Church or elsewhere.

Perhaps some day when paper facilities allow it may be possible to publish a list of churches and times when service and practice ringing takes place. A. WALKER.

Birmingham 28.

HELPING HAND WANTED

Dear Sir,—Might I take advantage of your columns to make an appeal for assistance?

At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill, we have a keen young band of would-be excellent ringers if the proper instruction was forthcoming. The ringing room is one of the best kept in London, the bells are a delight to ring, and there are eight members in the local band whose interest I cannot guarantee to maintain unless they make progress.

Week after week, however, the same old story: we always lack someone to stand behind a beginner. I would like to ask the Exercise at large if there is anyone who will volunteer to give us assistance; if so, will they please let me know at the appended address?—Sincerely yours, ERNEST. J. ROWE.

8, Effingham Road, Hornsey, N.8.

Doubles Methods

A CHANGE FROM GRANDSIRE.

Dear Sir,—I think that Mr. Barnett is mistaken in supposing that ringers generally are not interested in Doubles ringing. Judging by the number of peals rung recently in more than one Doubles method, I should have thought the opposite to be the case, and from my own limited experience I have found that even those who tend to despise Grandsire or Plain Bob Doubles are quite delighted with such a simple method as April Day.

And why shouldn't they be?

If Mr. Barnett had his way all such fascinating methods as April Day, Norfolk, Kennington and Old Doubles would become Plain Bob with different calls. Would Mr. Barnett permit them to be rung as Plain Bob Mark I., II., III. or IV.? If so, why not under more euphonious names? Or would Mr. Barnett ban them all as illegitimate? In which case Doubles methods would revert to some three or four methods only, instead of the scores now available. This would clearly be a step back in the wrong direction, since more variety and freedom in Doubles ringing is the only possible line of advance.

Further, in Doubles ringing it is the extent that is generally considered as the unit (how often is a touch of Doubles less than 120?), and this being so there is more difference between two such extents as Plain Bob and April Day than there is between many different methods on higher numbers of bells.

That it would be a good thing for the Central Council to consider Doubles ringing I quite agree, if only to make available to five and six-bell ringers generally these many methods now usually handed on by personal contact. With Doubles ringing playing such a large part in six and even eight-bell towers as it does at present, I cannot but feel that there must be very many ringers who would welcome the chance to ring these simple extensions of well-known methods, if only to provide a change from the everlasting Grandsire.

West Malling, Kent. PETER C. WRIGHT.

RINGER'S DIARY

Dear Sir, — I think that readers of 'The Ringing World' would like to have preliminary notice of an entirely new production which should fill a long-felt want.

In conjunction with Mr. Maurice Hodgson, I am publishing a Ringers' Notebook and Diary for 1949. It will include, in addition to a week to a page diary, a selection of standard method diagrams showing starting and calling positions (each accompanied by touches and peals), ample space for other methods, and many other interesting facts and figures making it of interest to recruit and expert.

The diary section will show various ringing anniversaries. In this connection may I ask readers to let me know any dates for social events, dinners, annual meetings, etc., for inclusion where space permits? These should be sent at once, please.

It is hoped to have the diaries ready in good time for Christmas. WILL H. VIGGERS.

37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

RINGING TOURS NEXT SUMMER

Dear Sir,—After reading the interesting history of the Truro Guild by the Rev. A. S. Roberts in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' one's attention is drawn repeatedly to the fact that visiting ringers have done much to help the cause of change ringing in the county. Here, then, is plenty of scope for bands of touring ringers who want 'fresh fields and pastures new.'

I am told by a ringer resident of Bude, North Cornwall, that there are 20 churches with rings of eight bells within a radius of 25 miles of the town. With Bude being a health resort, all requirements regarding board and lodgings can easily be met.

Marhamchurch, Bude. C. SHARPLES.

Gloucester and Bristol

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. F. SKIDMORE.

Some 50 members and friends were present at the meeting of Bristol Rural Branch at Thornbury on September 25th, when to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the Ringing Master and Mrs. F. Skidmore presentations were made.

The branch chairman (Mr. C. Harding), who presided, spoke of the loyalty to the branch of Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore and of Mr Skidmore's willing help to learners. He asked Mr. G. J. Jefferies, a vice-president of the association and one of the oldest members, to make presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore on behalf of the officers and members of the branch in appreciation of their loyalty and devotion to the branch over a number of years. These consisted of a silver cake basket, table knife and a silver butter dish.

Miss Hilliar, the branch secretary, presented Mrs. Skidmore with a bouquet of flowers.

In thanking the officers and members for their kind thoughts and generosity, Mr. Skidmore said it had always been his aim to get good striking. Mrs. Skidmore also thanked the members.

The Chairman stated that at Mangotsfield there were now three generations of Jefferies ringing and that they had the oldest and youngest ringers there. The usual votes of thanks were passed, especially to Mr. F. Skidmore, who entertained the company to tea. Next meeting places selected were Henbury, October, and St. Werburgh's, November.

Ringing took place before the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Rawstorne), and after the meeting. The chairman, secretary and one member from each of the six towers rang rounds and Queens and fired the bells as a silver wedding compliment to the Ringing Master.

A WILLENHALL GOLDEN WEDDING

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs, on September 18th. The attempt failed after 1½ hours' ringing by G. E. Oliver 1, H. Knight (cond.) 2, E. Speake 3, K. W. Knowles 4, C. Wallater 5, W. T. Powell 6, J. D. Holden 7, H. Griffiths 8, H. Boswell 9, J. Luck 10. The ringers with other members of the local band were afterwards entertained to tea at the Round House Cafe.

Mr. C. Wallater expressed the good wishes and congratulations of all present to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, also thanking them for their hospitality. Mr. Evans, in replying, thanked the ringers for attempting the peal and said that he would convey the good wishes to Mrs. Evans, who was prevented by illness from being present. Mr. Evans also spoke of the great pleasure he had derived from bellringing and hoped to be able to continue to ring.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

In fine weather the Crawford Cup contest took place at All Saints' Church, Rampton, on September 11th. Only four teams entered, being Shireoaks, Warsop, Ordsall and Gamston. Shireoaks again were the winners, making it the third year in succession, Warsop being second, Ordsall third and Gamston fourth.

Messrs. J. A. Freeman and J. Freeman, of Lincoln, carried out the duties of judging the contest with satisfaction to all. Although this was the first time they had done the job, they appeared to enjoy it. Afterwards fifty sat down to tea, including the Rev. F. W. H. Jessup and Mrs. Jessup and also Mr. A. B. Crawford, donor of the cup. Mrs. Jessup presented Mr. H. Hall, captain of Shireoaks team, with the cup, and he suitably replied.

The judges gave their report on the ringing and of where the mistakes were made. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the event a success were accorded.

QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Devonshire (14) 1; Kathleen Fletcher 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, V. Swift 4, G. Swift 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, R. Winser (16) 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Lindley 1, Joyce England 2, D. N. Layton (cond.) 3, F. E. Darby 4, J. Galyel 5, A. Hughes 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Palmer (first away from tenor) 1, W. B. Judd 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, T. Arrow 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, J. A. Pidgeon 6.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Leonard's on Sept. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Oliver (first quarter) 1, E. J. Butler 2, J. Sadler (first quarter) 3, C. Rouse (Cheltenham) 4, G. Barnes (first quarter) 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY. — On Sept. 15th, at All Saints', 1,948 Treble Bob (508 Kent, 720 Kent and Oxford Spliced, 720 Oxford): K. H. Wood 1, G. K. Crompton 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. D. P. Roberts 1, G. F. Carter 2, D. Martin 3, Miss D. T. Richardson 4, J. D. Rock 5, G. Dodds 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, E. Dodds 8. First quarter-peal in the method 2 and 3.

CHELSEA, LONDON. — On Sept. 19th, at the Church St. Luke, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott (first of Stedman) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. D. Grainger 7, A. F. Udall 8, J. Bullock 9, C. T. Bartlett 10.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Flint 1, H. Kent 2, D. Chadwick 3, F. Flint 4, R. Reeve 5, H. T. Rook (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all the hand except the 2nd.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. F. W. Betts 1, Miss Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clarke 3, J. T. Corder 4, G. Bull 5, F. Bloomfield (first as cond.) 6, F. W. Betts 7, E. Hynard 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Whiting 1, W. E. Maulden 2, G. Pryke 3, L. C. Wightman 4, P. Laflin 5, W. J. Button 6, L. G. Brett (cond.) 7, R. Parker (first quarter) 8.

HEMPSTED, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Joyce Webster 2, Patricia Boulton 3, Susan Boulton (first 'inside') 4, E. J. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Taylor 6. For silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taylor and first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on the minor eight: Miss Mavis Botham (first on eight) 1, F. Hayes 2, S. T. Goodchild 3, Miss Sylvia Coker 4, W. Parkinson 5, Miss Doreen Coker (first as cond.) 6, E. Markham 7, A. L. James (first quarter) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,638 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Retter 1, Miss E. Lomas 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, W. D. Ashdown 8. A compliment to Mr. A. Holway on his marriage to Miss D. Mulby.

ISLEWORTH, LONDON. — On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell (first 'inside' of Kent T.B. Major) 4, S. Croft 5, H. J. Eldred 6, D. J. Charnley 7, F. Hopgood 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Beresford 1, Joan Beresford 2, P. Beresford 3, J. B. Webb 4, A. F. Sedgwick 5, A. A. Rackham 6, G. E. Oliver (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, M. N. Culling 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX. — On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Boyack 1, A. W. Beard 2, W. D. Beard 3, R. W. Stannard 4, C. E. Wilmington 5, E. D. Smith 6, F. W. Housden (cond.) 7, G. Dawson 8.

MALDON, ESSEX.—In All Saints' vestry on Sept. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. C. Easter 1-2, A. Hubble 3-4, H. J. Mansfield 5-6, S. R. Linnett (cond.) 7-8. First 'in hand' by all except ringer of 5-6.

NORTHAMPTON. — At the Church of St. Peter on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Valentine (first of Triples) 1, W. Austin 2, W. Gammage 3, G. S. Valentine 4, W. R. Parker 5, F. Warrington 6, E. Nobles (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Monk 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS. — On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Cooper 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, R. Elliott 3, B. C. Castle 4, J. A. Parker 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by 1, 2 and 5.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET. — On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Beale (first quarter) 1, R. Welch 2, T. J. Locke 3, F. Welch (first as cond.) 4, A. H. Drayton 5, D. R. Best 6, J. Drewe 7, H. Cornelius 8.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS. — On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Godden (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Branson 2, K. Branson 3, E. A. Smith 4, D. Fraser (cond.) 5, J. Chesterman 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Cave (first quarter) 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, T. G. Fox 4, A. T. Boomsma 5.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX. — On Sept. 12th, at St. Margaret's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Hill 1, A. Hammond 2, A. Reeve 3, C. E. Wright 4, Miss C. Chinnery 5, H. Chinnery 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1 and 2.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — At the Church of St. Ann on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. D. Prockson 1, R. H. Begrie 2, E. J. Rowe 3, A. E. Hoare 4, F. W. Warren 5, F. A. Barker (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' on Sept. 18th, 1,280 Bob Major: C. Richards 1, R. Smith 2, E. A. Turner 3, A. Whatmore 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. L. Dunn 6, P. Richards 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 St. Clement's): Miss Doris M. Wiskin 1; S. Harpley 2, J. E. Fox 3, Miss Doris J. Peeling 4, R. Wiskin 5, H. H. Foller (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Norman Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, B. D. Price 3, F. G. Cooper 4, W. G. Challen 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Barbara Cleveland 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, T. B. Holloway 3, P. Harding 4, F. Slatford 5, F. Penn 6, G. Harding 7, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER. — On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Frost 1, Mary Walshaw 2, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead 3, Hugh Reynolds 4, A. Cairns 5, B. Walshaw 6, R. Benson 7, J. Clegg (cond.) 8.

WIMBLEDON.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): Miss I. Dearling 1, E. Cassell 2, J. Tomsitt 3, H. Cox 4, A. W. Taylor 5, F. Wicks 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, T. N. Brownhill (first quarter) 8. In memoriam George H. Neale, a friend of the tower.

WINGHAM, KENT. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Gambrill 1, J. Walter 2, A. Gambrill 3, S. G. White (cond.) 4, S. Walter 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells 7, H. W. Ralph 8. First quarter by 1 and 8. First in method by 2, 4 and 5. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. J. Drake Brockman).

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 9th. All Saints' bells 2.30. Tea, Herbert's Cafe, Bank Street, 4.15, followed by business meeting. Evensong 6 p.m. Names, punctually, please, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4114

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. Division. — Meeting at Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Rev. J. Ransome, The Rectory, Great Bromley.—H. J. Millatt, District Sec., Colchester. 4090

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Steeple Aston (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Autumn meeting, Shiplake (8), Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Followed by tea (2s. 6d.). 4147

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Bucklebury (8), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names to Miss Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 4157

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m. Pentlow (5) available in afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. at Tudor Guest House if sufficient names are received. Notify A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 4158

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch. — Autumn meeting, Carbis Bay (8), Oct. 9th. Service 4.30. Tea. Lelant (6) also. —Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 4164

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Penshurst (8), Oct. 9th, 3. Tea 5.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells. 4167

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Church near Clapton (ex-L.N.E.R.) Station.—T. J. Lock, N. and E. District Sec. 4166

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Mildenhall (10), Oct. 9th, 2.30 p.m. For tea (5 p.m.) notify Mr. P. Fordham, 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Private coach leaves St. Margaret's, Ipswich, 1.30 p.m. Book seats early through C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4172

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Saturday, Oct. 9th. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. 4180

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Luke's, Chelsea (10), Oct. 9th, 3. Tea 4.45. Humphreys, Kings Road, opposite Gaumont (names early). Business 5.45, Church Hall. St. Mary's, Battersea (8), 7 p.m. — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4196

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Fareham, Oct. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School Room. Names to Mr. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham.—J. H. Hunt, District Sec. 4198

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — A practice meeting at Ottershaw, Oct. 9th. 5.30 to 8. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 4211

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival, Oct. 16th, at Lancaster Hall: Assemble 5.30 for dinner at 6, entertainment 7.30, dancing 9.30 to 11.45. Tickets 10s. each (entertainment and dance only 3s. 6d.). Apply early, with remittance, Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Ringing details: All Saints' (6), 10.30 to 12, 2 to 4.30; St. John's (10), 11 to 12.30; Belgrave (8), 1.45 to 3, 3.30 to 4.15; Cathedral (12), 2 to 4.30; St. Margaret's (12), 1.30 to 2.30, 3 to 4.30. 4111

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify by Tuesday, 12th, for tea.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Rochester Cathedral (10) and Chatham (8) available after meeting. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 4155

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finedon, Oct. 16th. Service 4.15. Names for tea. —A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Exning, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening at Newmarket. Requests for tea to arrive by Oct. 13th.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford, Norfolk. 4169

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, obtainable until Monday, Oct. 11th, from branch and general secretaries. Bells available: Cathedral (12) and All Saints' (front six) 3-5 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham, Worcs. 4184

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Meeting at Islip (6), Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Kirtlington (8) available in evening. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 4193

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea must send name and numbers to Mr. A. J. Bartlett, The Forge, Chiddingfold. — A. C. Hazelden, District Secretary. 4163

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's Bob and Lincolnshire Surprise Major.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 4215

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Woodchurch, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4202

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Brancepeth (8), Oct. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own eatables. — J. T. Titt, 34, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4214

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 16th, dinner and social evening, to be held at the Denmans Head, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service, conducted by the Rev. E. Pugh, 5.30. Dinner 6.30. A few tickets are available, price 7s. 6d. (apply early), from the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Price. 4210

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough, Oct. 16th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify by Tuesday, 12th, F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough. 4217

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Annual meeting, Oct. 16th, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 2.30. Names for tea to V. J. Benning, 15, Fremantle Road, Belvedere. First practice, St. Stephen's, Hampstead, Oct. 11th, 6.30. 4181

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Alcester, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 3.15 to 4.15 and for one hour in the evening. Committee meet 4.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. A bus leaves Priory Street Baths, Coventry, 1.30 p.m. (fully booked). Another bus leaves Coton Church, Nuneaton, 1.30 p.m., travelling via Attleborough, Bulkington, Bedworth and Coventry (few vacancies). Application for bus seats and also for tea if travelling independently by Tuesday, Oct. 12th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton (Phone Nun. 3296). 4205

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. — Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 4216

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Meeting, Pitminster (6), Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 4156

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston (6), Oct. 16th. Tea free for those notifying by 12th A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4212

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Corringham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Beckett Arms 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 4218

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Shouldham, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4219

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton (6), Oct. 16th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea. Names by 12th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4223

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Oct. 16th, Coln St. Aldwyn (8), 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Notify by Oct. 12th Mr. W. Godwin, Council Houses, Quenington, Fairford. 4221

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided at small cost. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—N. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. 4154

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Newburn, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 19th to C. T. Lamb, District Sec., 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 4199

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by Monday, Oct. 18th J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted, Surrey. 4208

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Eversholt (6) on Oct. 23rd. Bells at 3 o'clock.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4209

OUTING

BURES, SUFFOLK.

Surrey was selected for the outing of Bures and district on September 18th, the locals being joined by ringers from Mistley and Thorington.

Christ Church, Epsom, was reached dead on time and methods rung here were Kent and Double Norwich. At Leatherhead, Stedman Caters were brought round in good style. After lunch a visit was paid to the old church at Chobham, where Bob Major and Cambridge were rung.

At Chertsey the party was joined by Mr. R. Lathbury. Here Stedman Triples was the most successful method. Tea disposed of, the Thames was crossed into Staines, where ringing was enjoyed at St. Peter's and St. Mary's. The best thanks of the party are due to Mr. Leslie Mills, who made the arrangements, and to Messrs. F. Oakshott, G. Marriner, J. Hesse, W. Parker and Butler for having the bells ready. H.J.M.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Trinles: E. Whittingham 1, Miss G. Crockford 2, Miss M. Cole 3, W. Pearce 4, W. Newton (first as cond.) 5, F. Butler 6, W. J. Brooks 7, J. Elliott 8.

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On the beautifully clear September morning of the 14th, a party of 33 ringers and friends from St. Mellons, with guests from Cardiff and Newport, set out for their annual outing. This year the route lay through the Forest of Dean. Veteran ringer was Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, present Master of the Association and now in his 83rd year.

The first stop was St. Briavels, Glos., where the eight bells were successfully rung to the four standard methods. Then on to Newland, where the church with all its architectural magnificence is so aptly described as 'The Cathedral of the Forest.' The fine six bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Kent.

For lunch the party returned to home territory and visited Monmouth, where both the fine meal and ring of eight were greatly appreciated. Justice was very ably done to both and regardless of the redoubtable tenor.

Back across the border to Staunton, where the six bells of All Saints' were well rung to the standard methods. The journey continued through the beautiful scenery of the Forest. At Ruardean, where the writer notched up his '100th tower not out,' the 74ft. draught of rope proved too much for several and the ringing duly suffered.

Thence to Cinderford, where further evidence of the thoroughness of the preparations awaited in the nature of an excellent tea.

The last tower of call was Littledean, where, in addition to the standard methods, Little Bob and Oxford were rung on the light six. The ringers had great competition from the choral section of the party, who held community singing round the harmonium in the chancel of the church.

This report would not be complete without expressing thanks to Mr. R. H. Addis, captain and secretary of the St. Mellons ringers, who made all arrangements. J.R.W.

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REACTIONS

THOUGHTFUL ringers are constantly searching for the reactions of the public to church bells. Recently Marjorie Nesbitt gave her impressions in the following fascinating style :—

'I don't know how you feel about church bells. Some people like them and some don't. Some say to hear them ringing makes them feel melancholy. Others can almost feel the tight elastic under the chin, the uneasy pressure of "best" shoes . . . smell the old smell of hymn books and hassocks . . which all went with the strict churchgoing of a Victorian childhood. And to others who hear them ringing it is to be taken back to some cathedral city they once knew where, even if they never went inside the building, the bells ringing high over the streets and roof tops made a sort of background to all that went on.

'To me, to hear church bells ringing is to be taken back to the summer Sunday evenings of my childhood, walking with my mother through the fields in that golden hour before bed-time when the gnats danced low over the half-dried up stream, the sinking sun made my shadow big and the bells from the church on the hill "tinging" for evening service seemed to deepen the feeling of peace which lay upon everything. I don't suppose I ever hear bells ringing without, for a moment, being taken back to those fields.

'But although I like to hear the bells, I've very seldom thought about the ringers. For me the bells just ring . . . a lovely tumbling, swelling sound . . . a beautiful majestic clangour which seems beyond human agency as free as the wind, and the movement of the sea and just as satisfying. I never get any sort of mental glimpse of ropes and men in shirtsleeves.'

Mrs. Nesbitt then describes watching the ringing in a Sussex tower. Four shirtsleeved men, a grey-haired woman and a yellow-haired girl ringing and grouped around two schoolboys, three more girls and two older men waiting their turn to make the bells speak. She concludes: 'And this, I think, is half the secret of the magic of our English bells. It's no clockwork or electric impulse that makes them speak, but a human ringer—the man who had trudged up the hill from his warm bakery, or rode over the Downs from his farm, the woman who has just dried her hands from the sink. And their music, handed down the centuries is, I suppose, almost as much a part of England as her cottage gardens . . . and her weather.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	7
HOWARD HOWELL	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
*MAURICE G. TURNER	4	HENRY E. GREEN	10
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	11
P. GEORGE GOLDER	6	*ALAN ELSMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN B. BENNETT	*Treble*	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
DOROTHY UDALE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
JILL POOLE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	9
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Royal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*JEAN M. WARD (18)	*Treble*	*JOHN B. BENNETT (16)	6
JOSIAH MORRIS (81)	2	†ALAN CATTELL (17)	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	*GORDON OLLIFFE (20)	8
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	†JOHN BRAMLEY (17)	9
ERNEST MORRIS	5	†COLIN WALKER (17)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.14,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*JOHN H. LOTT	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	6
AUDREY M. CASTLE	3	JAMES BULLOCK	7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	4	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method. To celebrate the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the 7th, Mr. James Bullock, which occurred the same day.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	*GEORGE V. DEACON	5
KENNETH A. ROE	2	EDWARD HARROLD	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	CHARLES MARSHALL	7
RICHARD F. ROE	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	JOSEPH SAXTON	5
*PAMELA LEANING	2	STANLEY SLANEY	6
HAROLD KENT	3	ARTHUR B. COOPER	7
*BESSIE MOSS	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. In honour of the church's jubilee.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

THOS. STEVENS	*Treble*	LEONARD I. HULBERT	5
FRED J. HANNINGTON	2	*DAVID H. BENNETT	6
*ROBERT STEVENS	3	*WM. DARE	7
THOS. YEOMANS	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK. Conducted by J. R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Major. To celebrate the completion by Mr. Bert Weaver, local towerkeeper, of 36 years' service at the above church.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*W. E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	*FRANK L. FISHER	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE	2	ALBERT E. WHITING	6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge as conductor and 50th peal as conductor. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Treble*	KENNETH S. B. CROFT	5
CHARLES MARSHALL	2	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Bristol. The first of Bristol on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HAROLD F. WOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	*RAYMOND P. WOOD	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* First peal of London 'inside.' Tenor 12½ cwt.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	5
*MISS MARY J. FREER	2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	3	JAMES BULLOCK	7
MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE	4	JOHN H. LOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS WILFRED TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

STANLEY E. COOK	*Treble*	ROBERT E. TURNER	5
GILBERT H. HARDING	2	*FRANK A. PENN	6
FRANK L. HARRIS	3	P. W. J. HARDING	7
*JOHN W. MEADE	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. JAGGER (CCC 157). Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

Henry Hubball ...	...*Treble*	*Roderic J. Lees	5
Harry Hill	2	Stanley Prestidge ...	6
William Davies	3	John Goodman	7
Thomas A. Townsend...	4	†John H. Walker	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Goodman.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new clock by the Bishop of Stafford.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Ronald C. Noon ...	...*Treble*	Charles W. Bird ...	5
Bernard J. Saddington	2	William J. Whitmore...	6
Burley P. Morris ...	3	Geoffrey E. Watson...	7
John King	4	*George Care ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by G. E. Watson.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor and first in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs G. E. Watson. Tenor 10½ cwt.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Charles W. Hall	...*Treble*	†Arthur E. Rowley ...	5
*Alan E. Jacques ...	2	Harold J. Poole ...	6
Redvers F. Elkington	3	J. Frederick Milner...	7
Shirley Burton	4	Alfred Ballard ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major. First Surprise peal on the bells. Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

*Stanley Bristow	...*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
William J. Arnold ...	2	†Bertie A. Cornell ...	6
Charles F. Sayer ...	3	Frederick J. Spicer ...	7
George Spencer	4	Thomas J. Southam	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thos. J. Southam
* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri. Oct. 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 28½ cwt.

*Leonard Chamberlain	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key ...	5
William J. Leach ...	2	†Edward J. White ...	6
Noreen Brain	3	George L. Roden ...	7
Gordon Harrison ...	4	Harold Harrison	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George L. Roden.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Jack Mussell	...*Treble*	Colin W. Reed	5
William C. Shute ...	2	William A. Theobald...	6
George E. Evenden ...	3	Leonard Harris	7
Frank L. Harris	4	Ronald N. Marlow	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*C. Harry Floyd	...*Treble*	Claude W. J. Tarr ...	5
Dudley F. Sheldon ...	2	William G. Gigg ...	6
Arthur H. Reed ...	3	*Cyril J. Stevens ...	7
*Raymond Winter ...	4	William A. J. Knight	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. A. J. Knight.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 20 cwt.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Ronald G. Beck ...	...*Treble*	Walter Poole	5
†George Clare	2	Edward J. Chivers ...	6
Frederick Savage ...	3	Thomas J. Setter... ...	7
†Victor Savage	4	Joseph T. Dyke ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
* 250th peal. † First in the method 'inside.' Tenor 15 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Sidney O. Cheney	...*Treble*	*Girling Rigby	5
Harold J. Poole... ...	2	*Francis R. Lowe ...	6
Shirley Burton	3	*Denis R. Carlisle ...	7
*Phillip L. Parrott ...	4	*Edward F. Gobey	...*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Edgar R. Rapley	...*Treble*	*George L. Grover ...	5
*Eric T. Lee	2	William T. Beeson ...	6
*Ernest J. Munday ...	3	*Harold A. May	7
*Albert Harman	4	*C. Ernest Smith	...*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 11 cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Alan Elsmore ...	...*Treble*	*Joseph Gregory	4
Maurice G. Turner ...	2	*George W. Hughes ...	5
P. George Golder ...	3	Howard Howell	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Hughes.
* First peal of Bob Minor. First in method as conductor.

MABE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laudus,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Enid Toy	...*Treble*	‡Alfred Newman	4
†George Clemens ...	2	Vivyan Williams ...	5
*Caleb Dunstan	3	Percy Williams ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Vivyan Williams.
* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal of Doubles.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Dennis Airey ...	...*Treble*	Ronald Airey	4
Miss D. Killingley ...	2	Herbert H. Abrahams...	5
Miss M. Strutt	3	Andrew I. Pearmain	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew I. Pearmain.
To commemorate the dedication of the Green Howards Regiment Memorial Chapel.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Thomas Foster ...	...*Treble*	Robert Guy	4
William H. Deacon ...	2	Thomas S. Horridge ...	5
George Skelland ...	3	John Hale	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas S. Horridge.
For the 80th birthday of Mr. Ben Hale, a former ringer at St. Luke's,

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
An extent each of York Surprise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

C. HENRY HARDING ...*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP 4
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	BRIAN SIMS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in more than two methods. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN MCKEE ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4
EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 5
JOHN N. BROWN 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.
For the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 Oxford Bob and 2,880 Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD COX ... ...*Treble*	RON. RUSSELL 4
JOHN H. BLUFF 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT ... 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 3	JAMES BLUFF ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON...*Treble*	CECIL WADE 4
WALTER GODDARD 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 10 extents April Day (3 callings), 10 extents St. Simon's (4 callings), 10 extents Plain Bob (4 callings), 12 extents Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS M. B. VALENTINE *Treble*	†ARTHUR J. MILLWARD... 4
†BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2	ERIC NOBLES 5
‡GEORGE S. VALENTINE... 3	CHARLES W. DIXON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in four methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles. To welcome new Rector, the Rev. N. R. Campbell.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GWYN I. LEWIS ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS SCOTT 4
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 2	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 3	*ERNEST STITCH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* 300th peal. The treble and tenor ringers have now completed the circle, the latter for the second time.

COWDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ...*Treble*	*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	ROBERT COLLINS 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	*ERNEST J. LADD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* First peal in three methods.

DUCKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE ...*Treble*	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS ... 4
*LOTTIE R. PIMM 2	CECIL BUSTIN 5
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in more than one method of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. SHAW... ...*Treble*	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	JAMES FLIGHT 5
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3	CAPT. JOHN KINCH ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* 100th peal. Consisting of nine 480's and two 360's. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD *Treble*	ALAN CATTELL 4
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
*JOHN BRAMLEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First in four Minor methods.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Sept. 28, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

ALAN ELESMORE ... ...*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4
JOSEPH GREGORY 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
JEFFREY B. WEBB 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ...*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. G. Golder.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD J. BOFFEY ...*Treble*	*MISS ELIZABETH MORTON 4
RICHARD T. HOLDEN... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
*ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...*Treble*	*ERIC BRUNTON 4
*DEREK WHITFORD ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
STUART SMITH 3	ROGER LEIGH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.
* First peal of Minor. In memoriam Harry Chapman.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 methods spliced into seven extents, viz.: (1) Braintree and Wragby Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (3) Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; 49 changes of method.
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS F. M. LAFLIN ...*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON 4
†SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 2	ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside' in ten methods.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY COMINS	*Treble*	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ...	3
RAYMOND WINTER	2	ARTHUR H. REED	4

*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles, also first peal on five bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERIC HORNBY	*Treble*	HARRY PARKER	4
*REGINALD W. WORRALL	2	†HARRY W. HOWARD ...	5
*DAVID SMITH	3	*A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 100th peal. First peal of Surprise rung by a local band of the Northwich Branch of the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD AIREY	1-2	ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ...	3-4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ...	5-6		

Conducted by ANDREW I. PEARMAIN.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT QUINTA CADIZ, AVENIDA PANAMA, LOS CAOBOS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, two of Stedman, four of Reverse Canterbury and 18 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ...	1-2	ROLAND PARK	3-4
IRENE PARK	5-6	Conducted by ROLAND PARK.	

A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Swinson, who are leaving Venezuela for the U.S.A.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, *in* 1 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT 28, PATRICIA AVENUE, GOLDTHORN PARK,
A BEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Court Bob and 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First in four Minor methods. † First in four Minor methods on handbells. First in four Minor methods on handbells for the Society.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING CHAMBER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	1-2	ALBERT WALKER	5-6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN	7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	9-10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's.

PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT 92, ETWALL ROAD, HALL GREEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in F.

ARTHUR D. COOK	1-2	GEORGE E. FEARN	3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	5-6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Silver wedding bells will be heard this month for Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal on the 16th and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Matthews on the 20th. Peal attempts include one at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for Mr. and Mrs. Deal, and at Camberwell the following Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

Six married couples are standing in a peal attempt at Leicester on October 30th.

On holiday in East Anglia, Mr. P. Laflin, of Stockport, turned in Framsden's tenor to Superlative.

The coming-of-age peal of Mrs. G. E. Watson, of Burton Latimer, Kettering, was her husband's first of Treble Bob as conductor.

It was to Ireland that Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway went for his 100th peal. Congratulations!

Mr. A. V. Pearson has 'circled' St. Matthew's, Walsall, Mr. W. J. Button, Framsden, and Mr. John Hale, Great Crosby, Lancs.

Miss Elizabeth Morton is the first of her sex to ring at Wistaston, Cheshire, and there have been 59 peals on the bells.

Mr. G. S. Valentine, who has had an absence from peal ringing since 1939, appears this week on the occasion of his daughter's first peal at Maidwell, Northants. The last peal at Maidwell was in June, 1937.

Errata.—In the peal of Stedman Caters at Surfleet on September 2nd the following corrections have been received: John E. Allen 2, John G. Ames 8. In the peal of Grandsire Triples at Chipping Norton on September 11th the ringer of the 3rd was Michael H. Sinden.

Saturday, October 2nd, a was a red letter day in Leicester, when a fine performance was put up by the 'Back Five Boys' in the peal of Stedman Caters on the heaviest ring of bells in the county. Also worthy of credit was Jean's handling of the treble throughout; no doubt the influence of the 'youngster' on the 2nd helped.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole in the death of Mr. Albert Hare, father of Mrs. Poole. In recent years Mr. Hare had made his home with them at Leicester and he was beloved and respected by the many visitors to The Wayside.

Mr. H. Collis, of Chobham, Surrey, has rung his first quarter-peal after 51 years a ringer.

The ringer of 1-2 to the handbell peal at Kingston on September 19th was Richard Crosland and not Richard Croswell.

Grandfatherly honours have been paid to (or is it 'by'?) Mr. J. Frank Smallwood and Mr. James Bullock.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of 145, Farndon Road, Newark, has been appointed general secretary of the Southwell Guild in succession to the late Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

After several unsuccessful attempts a peal has been rung at Glaston, Rutland. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. G. King was much appreciated by the band.

The peal at Davenham on October 1st was the first Surprise peal rung by a local band of the Northwich Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. It was also Mr. Harry W. Howard's 109th peal.

Those who participated in the Somerset Tour, reported in our last issue, have asked us to mention the practical and valuable advice given by Mr. J. Dyke. The tour was a triumph in organisation by Mr. J. E. Cawser.

At the request of the Rector and local ringers a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Coleorton, Leics., for the harvest festival. The last peal on the bells prior to this was 22 years ago. It is 59 years since a peal of Major has been rung at Coleorton.

Another village to request a peal was Flitton, Bedfordshire. This, states the conductor, Mr. C. E. Jeffries, was a 'send-off' peal to the Vicar. It was Minor in seven methods.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT DINNER

THE MASTER'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE .. ... DIED HAVING HIS WISH ... .. COINCIDENCE OF THE REV. CYRIL JENKYN'S DEATH RECALLED BY CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT

THE annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at The Bell, Holborn, last Saturday, was a happy gathering. Mr. Walter Ayre, the genial Master, had sufficiently recovered from his unfortunate accident to take the chair, and the keynote of his message was a clarion call for more members. 'Let us make it a bumper year,' he said. So far this year the Society has rung 18 peals.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Ayre were Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Rev. H. Cecil, the Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Charles-Edwards, Mr. W. R. Winterton, Dr. and Mrs. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Mrs. McGuinness, sen., Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirby.

Mrs. J. D. Matthews, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Davis, the Misses J. Brittain, F. Edgar, J. Mattinson, P. Holmes, D. Colgate, B. Millhouse, B. Brown, J. Pett, M. and D. Lidbetter, Ayre, Cowlin.

Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. F. S. Poole, Messrs. G. Steere, J. Millhouse, T. H. Francis, J. S. Hawkins, W. H. Cook, A. Bird, A. Pearmain, G. Carter, V. Benning, P. M. Gray, W. R. Hammons T. J. Clark, C. Buesden, W. Robinson, H. R. French, R. G. French, T. M. White, B. J. Luck, C. Buesden and T. W. White.

Apologies were received from Messrs. G. Williams, Frank Knight, Martin Harbott and George Gilbert.

Mr. W. R. Winterton, in proposing 'The Church,' said he hoped that one day Theological Colleges would foster the science and practice of campanology and that every priest coming out of one of these colleges if not a ringer have some idea of how a bell rang and what a bell meant. He welcomed the Rev. H. Cecil, of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, the new Vicar of St. Martin's, who took a keen interest in ringing. The St. Martin's ringers had their annual outing in August to Newark, from where Mr. Charles-Edwards came. The Mayor gave them such a fine civic reception that the ringing afterwards was jeopardised (laughter).

The Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, in reply, said he often saw his ringers rushing off after the service and he enquired of Mr. Winterton the reason. He told him it was the thirst after righteousness! He would bring to the notice of two principals of Theological Colleges the suggestion that clergy leaving colleges should know something of ringing. He thought bellringers ought to advertise themselves more. This summer he was on holiday in Shropshire and the Vicar in the village he stayed was perturbed because there was no one to instruct his young ringers and he did not know where he could get help and advice.

They at St. Martin's were tremendously honoured at being the headquarters of the Cumberlands. Sometimes people suggested that the bells disturbed the patients at Charing Cross Hospital. His experience had been that the bells were a great joy to them on a Sunday; in fact most of them preferred the bells to his sermons.

'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by Mr. J. S. Hawkins, who said that during the past two years he had the privilege of ringing at St. Martin's. He had watched the progress of the Society and admired the work in training recruits of Mr. Frank Knight, Mr. George Gilbert, George Cross, T. Bevan and their worthy Master.

HIS PARENT GUILD.

In reply, Mr. W. Ayre said: This position which I hold this evening is one that I esteem more than anything I have ever held, and I am more than delighted to see here to-night some of my Lincolnshire friends because the position I hold is due to my parent Guild—the Lincoln Guild.



MR. WALTER AYRE.

[Photo: 'West Herts and Watford Observer.']

'When this honour was given to me my mind flashed back to my own tower at home. Many of you remember the selfish old ringers who would not help youngsters. I suffered from that with the exception of when they were short and then they would let me up into the tower and teach me how to pull up in peal, ring rounds and ring down again. No attempt was made to teach me the elements of change ringing. I had two brothers in that band and no one knows the difficulty of getting even them to help me.

'It is not our aim to treat youngsters like that. We must go out and bring them in; we must not rely on headquarters to produce members. We are eternally grateful to St. Martin's for being our headquarters, but we must not rest there. I want you to go out from this dinner and rope in as many new members as possible. This year has not been so bad, but let us make it a bumper year. When youngsters become members they must realise that they have a duty of maintaining a high standard of ringing.

The Master concluded his speech by referring to the passing of Mr. Jim Bailey, Mr. John Miller, of Southgate, a member for 50 years, William Pryor, of Hampstead, also for over 50 years. To their memory the company stood in silence.

Mrs. Deal proposed 'London and Provincial Societies and the Visitors.' In a graceful speech she gave a special welcome to visitors frow Lincolnshire, the Master of the London University Society, the College Youths, including her own husband, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, whose name was coupled with the toast.

Mr. Lewis replied and said he was not sure that the ban on ringing during the war did not do them a lot of good because when ringing started again they had an extraordinarily good press and the public welcomed the bells with such enthusiasm that there was a great influx of people into the belfries. He thought the ringing Exercise was now stronger than before the war. With such an influx one of the difficulties was in getting teachers. Unfortunately many instructors were incapable of teaching a ringer how to handle as they could not handle a rope properly themselves. The Central Council had a very good booklet in 'Hints to Beginners,' which showed how a ringer should hold his rope, the secret of beginning a good ringer.

DIED HEARING STEDMAN CATERS.

In reminiscent vein, Mr. Lewis recalled ringing a peal of Stedman Caters on the beautiful bells at Wrexham. The Vicar met them afterwards and said he had been hiding for two hours because a dissenting family had tried to get hold of the key of the belfry because they alleged that one of their family was ill, which was not the case. Getting into the waggonette the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn said he would sooner die to the sound of Stedman Caters than anything else. When Newbury bells got an increase in family of two bells, Mr. Jenkyn, after ringing in the tower, said he wanted to hear the bells outside. As he was standing in the street listening to the Stedman Caters he dropped down dead.

Mr. F. Hawthorne proposed 'The Press' and recalled that since 1881 (before his time) ringers had had their press with 'The Bells News and Ringers' Record,' and afterwards 'The Ringing World,' founded by Jack Goldsmith.

Mr. T. W. White, in reply, said they were expecting an additional allocation of paper in November that would enable them to take another 200 subscribers. New readers should write to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, without delay.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar of St. Martin's for the use of the bells. For the arrangements for the dinner they were indebted to Messrs. George Steere, Cecil Matthews, George Cross, Frank Hawthorne and Tom Bevan. They had all worked splendidly. Entertainment was provided by J. Rowe (songs), Douglas Howe (magician) and Mr. M. Luff (pianist).

JOINT MEETING

LADIES' AND MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILDS.

A good muster of ringers was present at the joint meeting at Burton-on-Trent on September 18th. Ringers attended from Anstey, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Castle Bromwich, Cheadle, Coleorton, Coleshill, Derby (St. Andrew's and St. Peter's), Desford, Duffield, Ibstock, Leicester, Longton, Lullington, Measham, Nottingham, Ockbrook, Overseal, Lepton, Rolleston, Stoke-on-Trent and Wolverhampton.

The Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. Willis-Price) conducted a short service, followed by a delightful tea in St. Paul's Institute. Miss Thompson (vice-president of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service and for the invitation from the Midland Counties Guild to have a joint meeting.

Mr. William Curzon, the chairman of the Midland Counties Guild, in seconding this proposal, said how pleased he was to welcome everyone to Burton and hoped it would not be long before the Ladies' Guild visited Burton again.

At the Ladies' Guild which followed 13 new members were elected. The next meeting will be at Sawley on November 13th.

DEDICATIONS

St. Andrew's, Roker

On the afternoon of September 26th, a congregation of about 1,000 assembled at St. Andrew's Church, Roker, Sunderland, for the dedication of the parish war memorial for the World War of 1939-1945. This is a ring of 10 bells, with a tenor of 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E, and has been installed by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. F. Parsons, was relayed to an overflow congregation in the nearby church hall. The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Singapore, the Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson, who was Vicar of St. Andrew's from 1935 to 1938. Immediately after the dedication rounds were rung on the bells by members of the St. Andrew's Guild.

In his sermon Bishop Wilson said that the process of getting bells at St. Andrew's began many years ago, but it had not been until the present time that it had been accomplished. Bells were needed in this parish, and those who had given them and worked for them were to be sincerely congratulated.

The Bishop of Durham was unable to be present, but in a special message to the parishioners he wrote: 'Church bells have for many centuries been a well-loved and long remembered feature of this country's life: they are linked with many of our oldest and best associations and the art of ringing is a fine and skilful craft. May the new peal ring out strong encouragement to all churchpeople and may it help to draw many new generations to worship at St. Andrew's.'

Among those present at the service were the Mayor and Mayoress of Sunderland, the Revs. Max Gregory (Archdeacon of Singapore), J. F. Richardson (Rural Dean of Wearmouth) and R. S. Troop (Rector of Sunderland); Messrs. H. M. Howard, Stevenson and B. Newson, representing Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.; Messrs. F. Ainsley, J. A. Brown and Miss M. Fidell, representing the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

After the service, as the congregation was dispersing, a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on the newly dedicated bells by Messrs. G. A. Pickering 1, J. Anderson 2, J. A. Brown 3, Miss Fidell 4, Messrs. T. Crowe 5, K. Arthur 6, W. H. Barber (cond.) 7, A. Deas 8, A. Brunton 9, F. Ainsley 10.

The bells are a grand addition to the existing rings in the Durham and Newcastle Association's area. The bells are delightful both to handle and to listen to, and Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., are to be congratulated on their fine workmanship. J.A.B.

Seaton, Devon

Since 1662-1663 there have been six bells in the tower, the tenor (about 12 cwt.) being somewhat earlier. Now a new treble bell, publicly subscribed for as a memorial to those from Seaton who laid down their lives in the last war, and a new 2nd bell, the gift of Mrs. Sellers in memory of her father, Henry John Barnes, have been added to the old six and were dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton on October 2nd.

The church was filled to overflowing for the fully choral service which accompanied the ceremony of dedication, and nearly one hundred visiting ringers from towers in the Honiton Deanery and from Lyme Regis attended. The churchwardens, having formally requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells, the ropes were handed to him and he made the sign of the Cross on each, particularising the new bells as memorials and then committing the whole restored ring to the custody of the incumbent. Immediately following the dedication the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers under the captaincy of Mr. E. S. Hawker.

The Bishop, in a brief address, said that it was appropriate that the commemoration of those who had given their lives in the war should take the form of the provision of new bells, and pointed out that the bells have a message because they speak of the things of God.

After the service the bells were kept going until late in the evening by the various bands attending, and all the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R, Cooke, M.C., and the churchwardens.

The people of Seaton are to be congratulated on now possessing a satisfactory ring of eight and also on having raised £800 for the new treble and the whole restoration. The two new trebles have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were represented at the opening by Mr. Don Bradford, the existing six bells having been rehung by them with new gudgeons and ball bearings.

The treble is inscribed 'In memory of those of this parish who fell, 1939-1945,' and the 2nd, 'In memory of Henry John Barnes, 1947.' C.C.C.

WONERSH, SURREY

The bells of Wonersh Parish Church, Surrey, have been retuned and rehung with new fittings and in a new frame to accommodate eight bells (two more to be added at a later date) by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The rededication was on October 3rd by the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Brown). The Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. G. L. Grover and the Southern Section of the Ladies' Guild by Miss W. A. Oliver. Mr. D. Bradford represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung by the local band. Visiting ringers rang after the service and expressed their satisfaction at the work done.

The contract price was £700 and all but £50 has been raised. The local band have met the cost of installing Ellacombe chiming hammers. Small donations from those interested would be thankfully received by Mr. W. Enticknap, Great Tangley, Wonersh.

PUTNEY, LONDON. — At St. Mary's, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W Debenham 1, R. Mackrill 2, W. J. Paice 3, H. Belcher 4, J. Alsop 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, W. T. Elson (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. First on the bells after overhauling.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BIG ATTENDANCE AT CANTERBURY 'ANNUAL.'

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on October 2nd. One hundred and twenty practising and honorary members were present, including ringers from the Ashford District and a few invited guests. Towers represented from the district amounted to 24 of the 31 in union. Ringing was held during the afternoon at St. Alphege's and St. Dunstan's, and at 4.15 service at the latter church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Brown. A slight diversion was made from the usual service, in that special prayers were said for departed members, a special hymn also being sung. A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £2.

A splendid tea was prepared by Mr. C. Dilnot and served by the local band. At the annual business meeting the secretary reported that at the moment there were 327 fully paid up members, including 31 honorary members, a record. Since the last annual meeting seven other meetings had been held with an average attendance of 71 and a tower representation of 18.

The chairman (Mr. J. A. Russell), Ringing Master (Mr. R. G. Port) and secretary (Mr. B. J. Luck) were re-elected by nomination, and Messrs. French and Unwin were re-elected by ballot.

Chilham was chosen for the next by-meeting, with Wingham as the next quarterly meeting. Twelve new members were elected.

Thanks were expressed to all those who had worked to make the afternoon a success. Further ringing was held during the evening, the Cathedral bells also being available.

Durham & Newcastle Assn.

FESTIVAL AND DINNER.

The annual festival and dinner of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 25th. The bells of St. John's and St. Stephen's were available, and the festival service was held at St. Stephen's, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Leslie Shone, with Mr. W. Curry at the organ.

After the service, members and friends, among them Canon Stephenson, of Gateshead, assembled at the County Hotel, where dinner was served.

The annual general meeting followed, with Mr. W. N. Park (president) in the chair. One of the principal items on the agenda was a notice of motion to increase the subscriptions for ordinary members from 2s. to 3s. per annum. There was some discussion on this matter, when one member tabled an amendment that the subscription be raised to 4s. a year, this being carried by a large majority.

Mr. K. Arthur proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells. The Rev. Shone replied and said how delighted he had been to welcome the ringers to his church. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. J. Anderson. Mr. W. N. Park suitably replied.

Mr. Park brought to the notice of the meeting the work done by Mr. W. F. Fennell, a non-ringer, of Chester-le-Street, in writing up the Association Peal Book. This work has been done without fee, and the secretary was asked to write to Mr. Fennell thanking him for his valuable services.

Entertainment was provided during the evening by Mr. Paxton Lynn, M.M.C., and Mr. Gibson, of Darlington. There was also handbell ringing by the members.

MR. E. STITCH'S 300 PEALS

Mr. E. Stitch, of Port Talbot, Glam, has rung his 300 peals in nine counties. His list is as follows:—

Grandsire Doubles 15 (cond. 14), Triples 112 (45), Caters 21 (2), New Grandsire and Grandsire Triples 1, Double Grandsire 1.

Stedman Triples 39, Caters 15; Erin Triples 2, Caters 1.

Plain Bob Minor 15, Triples 1, Major 26 (5), Royal 4; Little Bob Major 1, Forward Major 1.

Kent Treble Bob Minor 6, Major 10; Oxford Treble Bob Minor 1, Major 1; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor (combined) 1, Major 2.

London Bob Triples 1, St. Clement's Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 4, Spliced St. Illtyd and Oxford Bob Triples 1, Spliced Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Spliced Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples 1.

Superlative Surprise Major (Treble) 1, Double Norwich Major (Treble) 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, London Surprise Minor 1.

Minor (2 to 6 methods) 8, Surprise Minor (7 methods) 1, Doubles (2 methods) 1.

Total 300 (conducted 66).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT FINCHINGFIELD.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Finchingfield on October 2nd, when 39 members from 14 towers were present. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Jordan) conducted the service and the collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1. Tea was provided by the local ringers in the Schoolroom.

At the business meeting the District Master (Miss H. Snowden) presided. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. John Turner, of Earls Colne, who was a life member of the Association and who died in August last, aged 82. Nine new members were elected, and Braintree was selected for the annual meeting, to be held on January 8th. Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Superlative Surprise Major.

OUTINGS OF INTEREST

BRISTOLIANS' TRIP TO SOUTH WALES.

On September 18th, the Bristol City branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association organised a one-day trip through South Wales. Having arrived at Newport, Mon., by train, a coach drive through one of the great coal and iron fields of the Principality brought us to Ebbw Vale, our first objective, where is the celebrated eight considered (and very justly) to be the finest ring of its size in Wales. That it would be hard to equal anywhere was our verdict after an hour of sheer delight.

After a short climb over the shoulder of the valley we left industrial Wales behind and drove through a landscape which is the very frame of Cambrian history. At Abergavenny, from Roman to Tudor times the gate of Wales, we had lunch, and then went to St. Mary's, where the Mayor (Alderman Rees) welcomed the party before we rang up the new Taylor ten, which had been dedicated a month earlier. This grand ring — 25 cwt. in D — deserves all the praises which have been bestowed upon it, and is a noteworthy addition to the bells of Monmouth. Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters filled the allotted time only too speedily.

A brief run through the autumn glories of the Usk Valley took us to Usk itself, and to the Priory eight, one of the cradle towers of Welsh ringing. This handy and melodious ring—14¼ cwt. in F sharp—gave us the high spot of the day's ringing, a perfectly struck touch of Stedman Triples. After further touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge, the bells were rung down and we had tea at the well-known Three Salmons Hotel. Incidentally, we made history in the Usk tower, by ringing them for the first time with an all ladies' eight and by ringing the first touch of Cambridge Major on the bells.

Another drive through the beauties of the Usk Valley, taking the Welsh Caerleon with its Roman remains on the way, brought us to our final objective, the only twelve in Wales. This was at St. Woolos', Newport, where the ring was augmented by the addition of two trebles in November, 1939. Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus were here rung, after which we called it a day and adjourned to the Tudor Restaurant for the finale of a most successful outing, which it is hoped will be the first of an annual series by the Bristol City Branch.

Before leaving Usk, a well-deserved vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman of the branch, Mr. H. Bennett, to the Ringing Master, Mr. E. F. Hancock, for the time and trouble he had given to organising so enjoyable an event. A.J.C.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

An interesting day was spent in the Fen districts of Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Ely on September 18th, when ringers from the Biggleswade district of the Bedfordshire Association and friends enjoyed their annual outing.

The towers visited were Yaxley (6), Whittlesey (St. Andrew's, 8, and St. Mary's, 8), Wisbech (10), Terrington St. John (6), Long Sutton (8) and Holbeach (8). The presence of local ringers at all of these towers, and of the Rev. J. P. Pelloe, who welcomed the party at Wisbech, was greatly appreciated, and final impressions of the day were of the friendliness of the local bands, the grandeur of these Fen churches, and of some good rings of bells.

The highlight of the day came fittingly as the finale—ringing at Holbeach. Here, in spite of the frighteningly long draught, the best ringing of the day took place on these glorious bells, and a lasting impression was made by the breathtaking dimensions of the magnificent church.

Mr. Lewis Bywaters, of Henlow, deserves the congratulations and thanks of all the participants of the tour for organising a long day so successfully. B. S.

ST. MARY'S, EWELL.

The second annual outing of recent years from St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, was on Sept. 11th, when a party of 33 ringers and their friends enjoyed a long day in Kent.

Starting at 7.45 a.m., the first stop was made at Leigh, where Mr. Whitehead welcomed the party to his light ring of six and they were soon clambering adventurously up the steep ladder fixed in the circular interior of the tower.

At Goudhurst, in the heart of the hop country, all were impressed by the size and commanding position of the buttressed, castellated tower, standing on the summit of the hill, nearly 500ft. above sea level. A huge key gave access to the stairs of the giant ringing room, and soon the five tons of bells were clanging out across the little town.

At Cranbrook, the 'Cathedral of the Weald,' care had to be taken because the stays of the 4th, 6th and tenor (23 cwt.) had broken, but no further damage was done.

Some of the best scenery of the day brought the party after lunch to St. Mildred's, Tenterden, its handsome Perpendicular tower reaching to a height of 129ft. A full oilcan was presented to the visitors and they were strongly advised to use it on the plain bearings before ringing. The advice was followed to much advantage in the handling of the 1½-ton tenor.

The other six-bell tower to be visited was at Charing (Mr. C. F. Good), where a fairly short ring was followed by a big tea in the Chestnut House Tea Rooms. Headcorn was reached in time for evensong. This simple service was much enjoyed by all and the tourists were fortunate in being able to provide a lady organist.

Mr. Belsey and the Vicar of Headcorn, as well as some of the local ringers, joined in touches of various methods until about 8 o'clock, when the party left for the two hours' drive home. J. E. B.

WRINGTON.

The annual summer outing having proved so enjoyable, it was resolved to have a second one in the autumn, so on September 25th a good muster of ringers and friends travelled by motor-coach to Bath, the octave at St. Michael's having been placed at their disposal.

The second stop was at Melksham, where, following an excellent tea, the visitors rang for and attended evensong. Ringing was resumed after service and continued well into the evening. The final call was at Bishop's Cannings, a popular rendezvous. The fine octave at this church is possibly the earliest of which there is a record since the Reformation; they were originally cast in 1602 by John Wallis during the incumbency of the Rev. George Ferrebe, and Aubrey refers to the ringing of these bells during a visit by King James, adding that this parish 'in those dayes would have challenged all England for musique, football and ringing.'

The visitors met the Swindon band, who were departing as the Wrington party arrived. The bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

MARKET DEEPING.

Market Deeping and district ringers had an enjoyable outing on September 18th. The fine ring of eight at Oakham was the first stop, followed by an hour's ringing on the ten at Melton Mowbray.

At Loughborough the party were met by Mr. Colin Harrison, who showed them over Messrs. John Taylor's works, where they saw bells being cast. The works ring of ten was rung and also the lovely ten at the Loughborough Parish Church.

Mr. A. Ward welcomed the visitors at Bottesford and the day's ringing concluded at Grantham, where the company was met by Mr. S. Proctor and the Grantham band. Thanks are due to the organisers and friends who made the party so welcome. W.H.W.

LETTERS

STANTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the above peal, may I reply to Mr. Taylor's recent suggestion by saying at once that I have no intention of withdrawing it.

I am satisfied, beyond doubt, that it conforms with the existing Central Council definition of 'Surprise,' and, indeed, one needs no further confirmation of this than Mr. Taylor's article itself.

The faults, as pointed out by Mr. Taylor, did not go undiscovered, but in spite of these the band who rang it found it interesting to ring.

May I now give the main reason for ringing it? This method was produced by Harry Poyner, 16 years of age, who was introduced to ringing last February. He has shown exceptional interest and enthusiasm in method construction and without assistance was producing three or four methods weekly, only to be told that they had been previously produced and rung. Stanton Surprise was the first he produced which had not been rung, and the peal was put on for no other purpose than to give encouragement to this youth.

The encouragement of young beginners is of the greatest importance to the Exercise, and in my humble opinion far outweighs any disadvantages such as this method may possess.

Mr. Taylor suggests a tightening up of the Central Council rules governing the term 'Surprise.' I shall be only too happy to abide loyally by any new rule as indeed I have done with the old.

Leicester district is not without some ringers experienced in method construction, and in fairness to them may I say that the method in question was condemned in very forceful terms —not because it failed to comply with the term 'Surprise,' but on account of the obvious other faults it contained.

Nobody would wish to suggest that Stanton Surprise is a good method, from a construction point of view, but I consider it is good enough for the purpose it served.—Yours truly,

Leicester. HAROLD J. POOLE.

A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT

Dear Sir, — It may interest your correspondent to know that the method Stanton Surprise was practised at Leatherhead some time before the war. An attempt for a peal came to grief owing to a rope breaking after 2½ hours' ringing. The in-course half of Pritchard's Four-part peal of Bob Major was used. Had we got the peal we proposed to call it 'Leodride,' that being the Anglo-Saxon name of Leatherhead. — I am, yours truly, G. MARRINER.

Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEETING AT TICKNALL.

Upwards of 40 members attended the Guild meeting at Ticknall on September 25th. Ringing embraced eight Minor and four Doubles methods with rounds for learners under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Pope), who preached from the text, 'There is neither speech nor language, but their sound is gone out into all lands.' Mr. W. Soar was the organist.

Following tea in the Welfare Hall, Mr. W. H. Curson presided at the business meeting. The election of Mr. R. E. Scudamore, Carmarthen, as a non-resident life member was ratified. The next meeting will be on October 30th at Ashby. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, organist, local band and lady helpers by Mr. B. G. Key.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS. — On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss C. Dunnington 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, M. Ginn (cond.) 3, A. Payne (first in the method) 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Poole 1, A. E. Jacques (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. Z. W. Deane 3, G. H. Arguile 4, P. J. Staniforth 5, R. F. Elkington 6, Michael D. Staniforth (first as cond.) 7, W. G. Deane 8.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Reith (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Stewart 2, C. Williamson 3, Mrs. E. P. Denyer 4, C. W. Denyer 5, W. Viggers 6, E. J. Bragg (cond.) 7, W. Denyer 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Yardley (first as cond.) 1, A. Allen 2, J. W. Pemberton 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. Pettigrew 5, W. Pettigrew 6, E. Franklin 7, A. Inett 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Griffin (first quarter) 1, A. Ashford 2, F. Griffin 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, G. Hutchinson 6, H. Higson (first as cond.) 7, W. Trill 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. Roderick (cond.) 1, E. Stitch 2, A. Hannington 3, R. E. Coles 4, A. W. Heath 5, C. H. Perry 6, A. J. Pitman 7, T. Petty 8. A birthday compliment to A. J. Pitman.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. V. Gould (first of Stedman) 1, F. W. Goodfellow (St. John's, Hillingdon) 2, J. E. Daniels 3, M. J. Best 4, G. E. Evenden 5, Miss F. M. Child 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, G. Miller 8.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON.—On Sept. 26th 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender 1, A. W. Beard 2, D. W. Beard 3, R. Bettley-Coke (first of Stedman) 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, T. W. Wyatt 6, J. Bullock 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Collis (first quarter) 1, H. Kingston 2, D. Sleet 3, P. Underwood 4, R. Collins (first as cond.) 5, R. Coleman 6. A farewell to the Rev. F. T. Robinson on his retirement.

CLAINES, WORCS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson (first quarter) 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, R. Woodyatt 3, A. Morgan 4, R. W. Sayers 5, D. R. Morris 6, G. Ambler 7, F. G. Yates 8.

DODDERHILL, WORCS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large 2, A. Morgan 3, W. H. Raxter 4, R. W. Sayers 5, S. T. Holt (cond.) 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. G. Yates 8.

EWELL, SURREY. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Yeld (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, R. Spittle 3, C. W. Munday 4, J. Hill 5, H. Tourle 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8. Rung on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Fred Lauer, for many years a regular ringer, and Mrs. Lauer.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Joan Winterbourne 1, Miss Daphne Castell (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. Bond 3, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Floyd 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. L. Joyce 1, R. E. Woods 2, P. L. Eldridge 3, A. G. Gasson 4, R. C. Turner 5, G. S. Joyce (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson on his induction at Farnborough. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 5. First of Minor on the bells.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Peskett 1, T. S. Brown 2, W. Stevens 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Minor (360 St. Clement's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Oxford Bob): Mrs. White 1, C. Fennell 2, M. Mason 3, W. Jones 4, R. Elliott (cond.) 5, P. Mason 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodall 1, H. Shilvock 2, T. Greenhall 3, A. Greenhall 4, J. Eaton 5, J. H. Cox 6, H. G. Bird (cond.) 7, A. H. Harris 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie (first in the method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, W. Wenban 4, H. G. Hart (first in the method) 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Warren 1, D. Corning (first quarter) 2, T. Hoare 3, R. Newman 4, E. Rowe 5, F. Barker (cond.) 6.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Elvin (first quarter) 1, G. H. Moore (first 'inside') 2, Jean Bell 3, Eileen Bracey 4, A. Bracey 5, R. Lofty 6, C. H. Moore 7, E. V. Blake (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. Smith (first of Surprise) 1, W. Lee 2, A. Newton 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. Cox 5, E. Timpson (first of Surprise) 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. All members of the local band.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Ayling (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Munt (first 'inside') 2, C. Munt 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, D. Hardwick (first quarter) 5, R. I. Hall 6.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's on Sept. 26th, 1,223 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Morris 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, J. Morris 3, T. H. Bent 4, Mavis Whitehead 5, W. Tanser 6, G. Olliffe 7, J. Drury 8, E. V. Rodenhurst (Shropshire) 9, J. Bramley 10.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, T. Yeoman 4, R. Westcott 5, J. Evans 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, R. Rees 8.

LONDON. — At Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 26th, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: M. V. Chilcott 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, Mrs. C. Mathews 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, W. Langdon 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, W. H. Hewett 7, H. Belcher 8, C. Mathews 9, J. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, R. F. Deal 12. In honour of the ringer of the 2nd becoming a grandfather.

LONGTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hilton 1, H. Carter 2, A. Hulme 3, F. W. Wells 4, J. G. Burton (cond.) 5, H. Bloor 6, D. Sheratt 7, C. I. Roberts 8. 7.6.8 behind. First quarter by all the band except 5, and first by an all Longton band. In honour of Mr. E. Steele attaining 42 years' service as a ringer at this church.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Kendall 1, A. King 2, A. J. Smith 3, E. Conquest 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, D. Newman 8. Last quarter and touch on old bells.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS. — At St. Giles' Church on Sept. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Bullough (first quarter) 1, G. A. Moore 2, F. E. Wilshaw 3, E. Kettle (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. W. Biddulph 5, R. S. Anderson 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Keeley (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. Keeley (first of Grandsire with a bob bell) 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, S. H. Green 6, C. W. Powell 7, C. E. Tett 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 26th, at St. Leonard's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Charge 1, S. Howard 2, R. Wilding (Stowmarket) 3, Audrey Look 4, E. A. Reeve 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung on 69th birthday of R. Wilding.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — At St. Nicholas' on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, Miss P. G. Kitchen 2, H. G. Andrews 3, C. Haylings 4, Mrs. M. Kitchen 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON. — At St. Mary's on Sept. 26th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: H. Rumens 1, C. A. Hughes 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, J. C. Adams 6, G. Dawson 7, C. T. Coles 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch, held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, September 18th, was attended by about 40 ringers and friends. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Pratt), assisted by the branch chairman (Canon A. W. Markby).

After an excellent tea, served by the ladies, the business meeting was conducted by Canon Markby. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Rev. C. C. Cox, Master of the Guild, and other ringers. No new members were proposed, this being the second successive meeting at which the branch has failed to add to its membership.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be the annual, and should be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, in January. The sum of 5 gns. was voted towards the cost of the repair of the ropes at St. Peter's, where Guild practices are frequently held.

The meeting agreed that as far as was practicable these practice meetings should consist of tuition for learners rather than touches for those ringers who were more advanced.

Capt. E. F. Samson moved a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the ladies who attended to the teas, and all who had contributed to make the gathering the success which it undoubtedly was.

Eleven towers were represented, and there were visitors from Bristol, Reigate, Bournemouth and Southampton. Ringing was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey, and his deputy, Mr. F. Stedman, who is also captain of the Wyke Regis ringers.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The pleasant village of Disley was the venue of the Stockport Branch for their meeting on September 25th. Legend has it that the bells will ring the methods themselves so long as the ringer pulls the rope, as the tower has long been a centre of spliced Minor ringing, and it was here that many record peals were rung just before the second World War.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. B. James), in an address at the service, reminded the ringers of the sacredness of their calling, which demanded of them skill, perseverance and loyalty. Tea followed in the school, at which about fifty members and friends were present.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to Mr. J. Rance (Sonning), who was on holiday in the district. Expressions of regret at the death of Mr. A. E. Marshall, of Denton, an old and valued member of the branch, and Mr. H. Chapman, well known to many of the older members, were voiced.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. J. A. Milner and the local band, who for many years have worked hard to develop the talents of recruits to the Exercise.

Methods rung included Cambridge Surprise, Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charlwood Delight, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, together with rounds and call changes for the less advanced.

OBITUARY

MR. J. ELSWORTHY.

The passing of Mr. J. Elsworthy at Bridgwater on October 6th will be regretted by a large number of friends, especially those in the Bath and Wells and the Devon Guilds. He was 86 years of age and had been a keen ringer for nearly 70 years.

He was a native of Tiverton, Devon, and came to Bridgwater to live about 25 years ago and was still ringing within a few weeks of his death.

During Saturday evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, of which he was a member.

NOTICES

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DEATH

HARE.—Suddenly at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on Oct. 8th, 1948, Albert Hare, aged 81 years.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Leonard Trevor is now Eldenar, Watling Street, Nuneaton. 4222

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS. — The secretary's address is now: Mr. A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. 4240

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MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The secretary now has cards showing the meetings for 1949. Send 3d. in stamps to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge (stamped envelope not required). 4245

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Rochester Cathedral (10) and Chatham (8) available after meeting. 4155

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Woodchurch, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4202

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each. Bells available: Cathedral (12) and All Saints' (front six) 3 to 5 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham, Worcs. 4184

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's Bob and Lincolnshire Surprise Major.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 4215

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea must send name and numbers to Mr. A. J. Bartlett, The Forge, Chiddingfold.—A. C. Hazelden, District Secretary. 4163

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough, Oct. 16th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. 4217

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Alcester, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 3.15 to 4.15 and for one hour in the evening. Committee meet 4.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea at The Holly Bush (2s. 6d.) and business. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Salford Priors from 7 to 8 p.m. with light refreshments at The Bell afterwards.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 4205

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Corringham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Beckett Arms 5 p.m.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 4218

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Shouldham, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4219

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Somersham, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4227

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided at small cost. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—N. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. 4154

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by Monday, Oct. 18th J. W. Knight, 92, Coldsnott, Oxted, Surrey. 4208

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. District Sec. 4203

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tamplecombe, Oct. 23rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 4224

SALISBURY GUILD and GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wootton Bassett, Oct. 23rd. Bells (8) 1 p.m. For tea advise L. A. Wilson, 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 4225

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, from 6.30 to 9. —E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4226

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Longstanton (8), Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring own food).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4233

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Buck Branch. — Farnham Royal, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3. Names for tea by Oct. 18th.—A. D. Barker. 4239

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, Oct. 23rd, 3. Tea 5. Names to Mr. C. J. Gibbs, Ockbrook Vicarage, by Oct. 21st latest. 4234

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Clunbury, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Notify Rev. J. C. Williams, Stowe Vicarage, Bucknell, Shropshire, by Wednesday, Oct. 20th. 4235

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Offley on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, District Sec. 4229

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodford, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Tea for those whose names arrive by Tuesday.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 4237

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Eversholt (6) on Oct. 23rd. Bells at 3. Tea at 5. — Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4238

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis (8), Oct. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names by 18th.—C. H. Lathey. 4243

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Boroughbridge (6), Oct. 23rd. Aldborough (6) also available. Tea at 5. Names to me by Oct. 21st. — Edward Hudson, District Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 4244

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Chiddingly (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify by 20th.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec., 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex. 4246

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bilston, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by 26th the latest, please.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4228

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District).—Combined meeting at Staines, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. Service if possible 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Tuesday previous latest. —F. A. Finch and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Secs. 4241

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea (2s. 3d. per head) not later than Monday, 25th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4236

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at the Roundstone Hotel 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea notify me by Oct. 26th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 4232

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Trevethin (Pontypool), Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 4231

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m., St. Giles', Camberwell. Nomination of officers. 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing, St. John de Sepulchre's, 2. Tea (1s. 9d. each) and meeting at Ber House, 4.15. Agenda, to give notice of addition to Rule 9 as follows: 'A peal booking fee of 6d. shall be levied on each ringer taking

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (6), Nov. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Names to Mr. G. Dawson, Bicker, Boston, before Nov. 6th. 4230

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OURSELVES

LAST week a particularly encouraging announcement was received concerning the paper supply to 'The Ringing World.' Confirmation was to hand of an additional supply as from the beginning of November that will enable the journal to maintain a uniform 12-page issue and to increase the number of subscribers by 200. It is a case of 'first come, first served,' and would-be subscribers should write forthwith to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. Subscription rates are 4s. 3d. per quarter or 17s. a year. Those who prefer to receive their 'Ringing World' through a newsagent should ask him to apply through his wholesaler to the Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., Breams Buildings, London, E.C.4. Newsagents are not supplied from Guildford but direct through wholesalers by Rolls House Publishing Co.

Regarding notices, there are two things we wish to bring to the attention of Guild and District secretaries. To ensure insertion they should be received in Guildford on a Monday at the latest. 'The Ringing World' starts printing on Tuesday. Most weeks we receive notices too late for publication. The other point is in the matter of charging. The simplest way is to run a deposit account with Mrs. Fletcher, then there is no difficulty if the number of words and the remittance do not coincide. It is still a complicated task for some Guild secretaries to make these two synchronise. The charge is one penny a word—minimum 2s. As regards counting, 5 p.m. is not one word but two, and each initial of a name counts as one word. Thus 'T. W. White' would be three words. Economy could be effected by writing 'Tom White.' The title of the Guild or District is also charged for. We are sorry to bring these mundane things to the notice of readers, but it is only by watching pence that a journal such as ours can remain solvent.

We are indebted to the many contributors who keep us punctually and regularly informed of news of interest. At times it is necessary for us to sub-edit contents either on account of space or readability. Not everything sent in can be inserted. When the Editor is in doubt about the suitability of a contribution he takes advantage of the advice of the Editorial Committee. It is impossible to publish every quarter-peal received. Lately we have reserved two columns for 'quarters,' and we shall endeavour to maintain this space. It would be of great advantage if quarters were written in the uniform style employed. Priority is given to first performances.

Finally, it is our aim to present week by week a complete and accurate record of proceedings in the Exercise. To avoid mistakes in peals conductors are asked to write clearly. On our part we arrange for peals to be read twice so as to reduce errors. It is probable that in connection with the happy event in the Royal Family next month there will be a record number of peals. Footnotes must therefore be minimised to absolute essentials. A royal peal should not be bracketed with any other commemoration or the birthday of somebody's aunt.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

*Kenneth Smith ...	...*Treble*	‡Charles W. Lawton...	7
†Alan A. Potts	2	*Harold C. Lonyon ...	8
*Stanley Pickford ...	3	*Joseph Smith	9
‡Mrs. C. W. Lawton ...	4	†Joseph W. Whittaker	10
‡Thomas Potts	5	Frank Yates	11
John Worth	6	†J. Victor Norbury ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Frank Yates.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve bells. First peal as conductor. To commemorate the completion of 50 years as a bellringer by Mr. Wilfred Matthews at the above church. Tenor 26¾ cwt.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Donald G. Clift	...*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Mrs. J. Thomas ...	2	*William H. Kingcott	8
*†Mary P. Hilliar ...	3	Henry J. Sanger ...	9
John Thomas	4	Ronald G. Beck ...	10
Alfred E. Reeves ...	5	Joseph T. Dyke	11
*John M. Stallard ...	6	Emlyn F. Hancock ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Donald G. Clift.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Canon G. R. Wood, former curate of this church and father of the late Stephen H. Wood. Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Roydon Davies ...	...*Treble*	*William F. Oatway ...	7
Harold N. Pitstow ...	2	George W. Cecil ...	8
Daniel D. Cooper ...	3	John E. Chilcott ...	9
*Mrs. F. E. Collins ...	4	George H. Humphries	10
Charles W. Roberts...	5	Alfred B. Peck	11
Thomas G. Fox	6	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Sidney T. Holt ...	...*Treble*	*Ralph W. Sayers ...	6
Thomas W. Lewis ...	2	Albert E. Humphries...	7
Denis R. Morris ...	3	Reginald Woodyatt ...	8
George E. Large ...	4	George Ambler	9
*Ernest F. Cubberley...	5	Charles J. Camm ...	*Tenor*

Composed by James George. Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal of Royal. The first peal of Royal on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Thomas D. Whorton	*Treble*	†Thomas A. Townsend	6
*Roderic J. Lees	2	Stanley Prestidge ...	7
John Goodman	3	William Davies	8
Joseph H. Cox	4	Charles W. Cooper ...	9
Harry Goodman ...	5	Henry Hubball	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pigott. Conducted by John Goodman.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' Birthday peal to the ringer of the treble. Tenor 20½ cwt

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in C sharp.

John Thomas ...	...*Treble*	Thomas W. Lewis ...	6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	2	*Leslie Barry	7
Dennis Morris	3	Joseph B. Johnson ...	8
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Geoffrey J. Hemmings	9
Leslie W. G. Morris ...	5	George Ambler ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal of Stedman Caters and birthday peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Edward Lankester ...	*Treble*	C. Henry Harding ...	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Frederick A. Finch ...	6
Alick Cutler	3	Bryan F. Sims	7
Andrew C. Sinfield ...	4	Harold G. Cashmore...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by H. G. Cashmore.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6720 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

George W. Creasey	...*Treble*	John A. Freeman... ...	5
Charles McGuiness ...	2	John Walden	6
Kenneth W. Mayer ...	3	Jack L. Millhouse ...	7
Kenneth S. B. Croft...	4	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by John Freeman.
Rung to mark the first anniversary of the ringing of the 14,144 London Surprise Major by the same band on October 4th, 1947.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Charles J. Gardner	...*Treble*	*Walter H. Trueman ...	5
*Margaret E. Richards	2	*Thomas Townsend ...	6
*E. John Berry	3	*Wm. W. T. Daniel ...	7
William A. T. Carter	4	W. Bertram Kynaston	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by W. B. Kynaston.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Cyril Brett Smith	...*Treble*	Frederick J. Cullum ...	5
Frederick A. Coley ...	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	6
Arthur S. Richards ...	3	Harry Hoverd	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

G. William Critchley...	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson ...	5
Thomas W. Sheppard...	2	George E. Fearn ...	6
Henry H. Fearn	3	*Frederick E. Dukes...	7
Edgar C. Shepherd ...	4	Arthur Pritchard ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

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HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Herbert C. Spencer	*Treble*	Reginald Woodyatt	5
George E. Fearn	2	Frederick E. Dukes	6
*George E. Large	3	Thomas W. Sheppard	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* 250th peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

James Thorley	*Treble*	Ernest Short	5
Charles Thorley	2	Ernest Thorley	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	*Frederick J. Jackson	7
Thomas D. Leask	4	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Composed by P. Brickell. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal on eight bells. A 21st birthday compliment to the twin sisters, the Misses Lucy and Laura Mottishaw. Rung on the conductor's 18th birthday. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

George Sayer	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
Walter C. Medler	2	Charles E. Lovett	6
Herbert C. Read	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
Ernest G. Shorting	4	George Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
In honour of the wedding of the Rev. A. R. Freeman, a former Mancroft curate, and Miss H. Long. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

William Green	*Treble*	J. Edward Cawser	5
Milton C. Fowler	2	*Peter E. North	6
*J. Martin Thorley	3	Arthur Firth	7
F. Bernard Ditcher	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Albert Freeman	*Treble*	John Thomas	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	Patrick Harris	6
Margaret Rowlands	3	Joseph B. Johnson	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Joseph E. Newman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal of Stedman. A compliment to the Editor and Mrs. White on the occasion of their silver wedding.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Containing 232 changes of Little Bob, 2,176 of Plain Bob and 2,592 of Double Norwich, 51 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Sydney Flint	*Treble*	Charles H. Moore	5
Nolan Golden	2	William Clover	6
F. Charles Goodman	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
Henry Tooke	4	George Sayer	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. William Barrett	*Treble*	†Miss Audrey A. Ewins	5
Cyril A. Burgess	2	George C. Goodman	6
*Miss M. R. Jaycock (14)	3	George Gilbert	7
William Birmingham	4	Leonard D. Millard	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert.
* 25th peal. † First peal away from treble and first of Triples.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Alfred H. Pulling	*Treble*	William Sidwell	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Leslie Barry	6
Edward Evans	3	William T. Cox	7
John Thomas	4	Thomas Witts	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
It is 39 years since Mr. Cox and the conductor met at a farewell peal at S. Nicolas', Guildford.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*Maurice Bennett	*Treble*	†Cyril Wander	5
Frank Dewey	2	†Stanley E. Bennett	6
Sydney Jessop	3	Harold Barsley	7
John G. Ames	4	Bernard H. Dalton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Dewey.
* First peal of Grandsire (aged 15). † 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

John Scott	*Treble*	G. William Critchley	5
Henry H. Fearn	2	Thomas W. Sheppard	6
Albert Walker	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Geo. E. Fearn.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Frederick H. Birks	*Treble*	Henry O. Baker	5
John Hayes	2	James S. Webb	6
John W. Best	3	*Percy Swindley	7
John W. Griffiths	4	*Harry Pye	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John W. Best.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 4th and 7th. Wedding compliment to Miss Bessie Booth and Mr. E. Chamberlain, of Standish. Tenor 25 cwt.

EWELL, SURREY.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Peter R. Layton	*Treble*	†Eric Dodds	5
*David Martin	2	‡Philip J. Delman	6
M. Janet Mattinson	3	Philip M. J. Gray	7
Denis N. Layton	4	Vernon J. Benning	*Tenor*

Composed by E. B. James. Conducted by Denis N. Layton.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;
Middleton's extent. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

Jack Dafters	*Treble*	Frederick A. Coley	5
William J. Rawlings	2	James Bennett	6
Geoffrey V. Murphy	3	*Herbert E. Audsley	7
Alfred G. Hill	4	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Bennett.
* 850th peal.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Rev. R. F. R. Routh	*Treble*	*Alan J. Butler	5
*Edward F. M. Samson	2	*Frederick Precey	6
Wilfred W. Ring	3	H. Dennis W. Bishop	7
*George E. Evenden	4	Arthur V. Davis	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
C. HENRY WEBB	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	4	*RAYMOND LYDSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	5
MURIEL REAY	2	*JOHN ASHCROFT	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
FRED BROWNLOW	4	JOHN HARNER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

PETER BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
TREVOR NEWBURY	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WARR ...	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	4
REGINALD BEALE	2	HERBERT WESTLAKE ...	5
JOHN T. LOCKE	3	JACK W. DREW ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor. In memoriam the Rev. E. A. Powell.

TREDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM COCKINGS	*Treble*	†FREDERICK KINCHIN ...	4
*JAMES F. LYNE	2	†WILLIAM H. MALE ...	5
†REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	3	WILLIAM A. STOTE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

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

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	4
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

RICHARD T. HOLDING	*Treble*	*ALBERT CRAWLEY	4
HARRY HOWARD	2	HARRY PARKER	5
DAVID SMITH	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* 250th peal. 75th peal as conductor. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

CORBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 St. Clement's, 2,520 Plain Bob, seven different callings.
Tenor 7½ cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD COX	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK ...	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
RON. RUSSELL	3	JAMES BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

*IAN TOWNS	*Treble*	HENRY COLLIN	3
MISS MARY SMITH ...	2	MISS JOAN WRIGHT ...	4
JAMES H. MUSSON...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

STONESFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*PETER W. B. SEMMENS.	4
*NORA HONEY	2	*HARRY P. FLOYD... ...	5
†MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	3	ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal in seven Minor methods on the bells.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
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 9 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ...	5
STELLA M. WICKENS ...	3	ERNEST J. KING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

A farewell to the Rev. Kenneth Latter, who is leaving for Chewton Mendip.

CARBROOKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON...	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. WILLIAMS	4
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE	2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER...	5
GEOFFREY W. SMITH ...	3	ALBERT E. DIXON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK C. JOHNSON.

A 21st birthday compliment to Albert E. Dixon.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. CHAS. McGUINESS	*Treble*	CHARLES McGUINESS ...	4
MISS BETTY BROWN ...	2	CHARLES E. BROWN ...	5
*MISS JEAN METHAM ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung for Michaelmas.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of St. Simon's, 18 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY HARLOW ...	*Treble*	*RONALD J. SHARP ...	3
L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal on five bells.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Ye Olde 'Chestnute,' rung seven times. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	HENRY W. SHARP	4
MAURICE J. THURMOT...	2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	5
*MISS MARION GRAIN ...	3	JOHN B. ROWSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by OWEN A. NEEDHAM.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob and St. Clement's with three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	*Treble*	DEREK SANDERSON ...	4
STANLEY GILBERT	2	CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, 67 Bobs, 90 Singles. Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. BENJAMIN BULL	*Treble*	CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE	4
R. FRANK BAKER ...	2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	5
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ...	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal 'inside.'

WOODSTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's, 63 Bobs, 90 Singles. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM SMITH ...	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	4
*GERALD C. BRIDGER ...	2	DENIS D. WRIGHT... ...	5
†JOHN C. DUDDINGTON	3	FRANK H. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	GIRLING RIGBY	4
*CHRISTOPHER J. GIBBS	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First Surprise peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
AT 48, ASHFIELD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

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BELFRY GOSSIP

After being in use for 96 years, the bells of Christ Church, Ealing, have been rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The top three bells have been recast and the back five tuned. 'They are now a wonderfully good eight,' writes one who heard the test. The reopening and rededication will be on October 30th.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe recorded this week was the 50th peal this year by Mr. John Thomas.

Ancaster, Lincs, ringers are starting change ringing and one of their number records his first peal this week. They have started a fund for a new treble to make a ring of six.

First anniversary of the record length of London Surprise Major was marked by the band assembling at Heydour and ringing their respective bells. This time it was 6,720 London Surprise Major, the extent in the method with the tenors together.

Another well-known ringer receiving Masonic honours this year is Bro. Charles Oakley Moore, for some time secretary of the London County Association. On November 4th he is to be installed as Worshipful Master of the St. Clement Danes' Lodge No. 1351.

During an active week-end in the West, Mr. Alfred H. Pulling called a peal at Quedgeley, Gloucestershire. The ringer of the seventh was Mr. W. T. Cox. The last time the conductor met Mr. Cox was 39 years ago at the latter's farewell peal at S. Nicolas', Guildford.

Mr. Wilfred Matthews has completed 50 years' service as a bellringer at St. Michael and All Angels', Macclesfield. As a mark of esteem he was presented with an inscribed pewter tea service by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Pethybridge) at a social evening attended by ringers from the Parish Church and also those of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James'.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon on October 9th was a compliment to the local tower captain on the sixth anniversary of his wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper entertained the band after the peal. Since the 12 bells have been installed at Croydon there have been 13 peal attempts, all of which have been successful. Mr. Cooper has rung in 12 of them, and by ringing the 3rd on October 9th he completed the circle.

Mr. John Goodman has rung his 120th peal on the bells of St. Thomas', Dudley.

Miss Ruth How, daughter of the Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, has rung her first quarter on tower bells.

Mr. Sydney Flint, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang his 100th peal at Kenninghall, Norfolk, on Oct. 9th.

A former member of St. Peter Mancroft company, Mr. Charles E. Lovett, on holiday from Jersey, rang a peal in his old tower on Oct. 5th.

The bells of Portsmouth Cathedral will be broadcast for the Armistice service on the evening of Sunday, November 7th, in the Home Service.

Sixty peals have been rung on the bells of Wistaston, Cheshire, and Mr. A. Crawley has rung in them all. A peal was rung here on October 2nd, which made the 120th tower in which Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst has rung a peal.

On October 10th, Mr. F. Freestone, towerkeeper of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex, celebrated the 52nd anniversary of his wedding. No great peal ringer, Fred is one of those stalwarts who can be found week after week taking his place on the tenor box. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by S. Meadows 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

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Yorkshire Association

The September meeting of the Association took place in most favourable weather at Scarborough on September 18th, attended by upwards of 160 members and friends. The bells were going early to touches in a variety of methods. Many attended the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Ford), where during the singing of the 150th Psalm a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells from the chancel by S. Steel 1-2, P. J. Johnson 3-4, L. W. G. Morris 5-6, J. Ambler 7-8. An Association photograph was taken outside the church immediately afterwards.

An excellent tea, kindly provided free by the local company, was served in St. Paul's Mission Church Room, followed by the general meeting on the same premises, where the chair was taken by the president (the Rev. C. O. Ellison), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), and the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer). Apologies for absence were read from the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), Messrs. A. H. Fox, W. H. Senior, J. J. L. Gilbert and A. E. Sellars.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale and carried unanimously. Mr. Rowley, churchwarden, replied. A similar vote of thanks to the local company and all concerned in making the excellent arrangements was moved by Mr. S. F. Palmer, who explained that he was spending a short holiday at Scarborough and had called round the previous evening to see how matters were going, and was astonished at the zeal with which preparations were being made, and felt compelled to take part. He felt that the Association's very best thanks were due to the local company, and to Mr. Bert Sutton in particular. This was seconded by Mr. G. Horner, supported by the president and carried with applause. Mr. Sutton, in reply, thanked the speakers for their most kind remarks.

The President announced that the committee had decided to recommend that the next meeting be held at Pontefract on January 22nd, if suitable arrangements could be made.

The general secretary reported on the arrangements he had made in connection with the Snowdon Dinner, pointing out that even at the charge of 8s. 6d. per head he anticipated a slight loss. He had acquired the services of a quartette from Bradford Cathedral choir and also a professional entertainer and illusionist. The meeting agreed to stand any financial loss in connection with the dinner.

The President reported that the committee had considered an application from Hutton Cranswick for assistance from the Bell Repair Fund in connection with the recasting of the bells there, and had voted the sum of £5. D. Thorley and C. Leach, of Thorne, were elected members.

The President stated that the committee had considered the forthcoming Central Council meeting at York, and recommended that they should be given a free hand in connection with the financial aspect. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. J. W. Moxon seconded that the committee's recommendation be endorsed, and this was carried. This concluded the business, after which an adjournment was made to the tower.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest was held at Brighouse on October 2nd. Six teams entered and the result was as follows:—

No. 1 Coy.	Shelley	105 faults
No. 2 Coy.	Huddersfield	91 faults
No. 3 Coy.	Cawthorne	45 faults
No. 4 Coy.	Friezland	35 faults
No. 5 Coy.	Thornhill	113 faults, rang out
No. 6 Coy.	Meltham	51 faults, aband'd

No. 4 Company, Friezland, were declared winners of the Association's silver cup. This team now holds both the Barnsley and District Shield and Halifax Association Cup.

St. Martin's Guild

VALUABLE GIFT TO BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.

Edgbaston Parish Church, within three miles of the city centre, yet so pleasantly situated that one could easily imagine it was many miles away, was the venue for the autumn quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild on October 2nd.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, R.D., and the side chapel was well filled with ringers and friends. The Vicar, in his address, welcomed the members to Edgbaston, as he had on many occasions enjoyed their happy company, especially at the Henry Johnson Dinner. He had been at Edgbaston for 25 years and as he passed by the belfry as they were ringing for service (the belfry is situated on the ground floor) he had caught the eye of the ringers and seen the anxious look on some of their faces. He had sometimes wondered what was the real effect the ringing of the bells had upon them. Was it a case of ringing a good touch and then forgetting the object of the ringing? It was a matter of regret to him that so few found it possible to attend the services for which they rang. He was happy to see Harry Withers present and also Sidney Freemantle, who had now completed 40 years as their church beadle and who was a good bellringer.

A party of about 50, which included the Vicar, churchwardens and organist, sat down to tea at the invitation of the Church Council. After tea Mr. F. E. Haynes, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master, Councillor Paddon Smith, J.P., occupied the chair. Apologies were announced from Messrs. Edgar Shepherd and A. H. Fitter. The following new members were elected: Llewellyn Lloyd (South Yardley), John F. Butler (Northfield), Albert T. Scrivens (Alum Rock, Birmingham), and as a life member Mr. T. Townsend (Netherton). The following tower ratifications were also confirmed: A. G. Wells and W. A. T. Carter (Swindon), John Anderson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), E. Speake and A. V. Pearson (Wolverhampton), F. H. Hicks (Hailsham), Miss M. L. Tutt and F. A. H. Wilkins (Oxford), Mrs. J. E. Davis (Balham), T. G. Fox (London), C. J. Matthews and Mrs. C. J. Matthews (Southfields, S.W.), J. Phillips (Camberwell), Mrs. R. F. Deal (London), all as life members.

It was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting, which is also the annual, at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, on Saturday, January 1st, and the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 5th. Among the visitors were Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, of Dundalk, Ireland, to whom the Master gave a very hearty welcome.

The Master also announced a generous gift to the Cathedral Church of St. Philip made by a highly respected member of the Guild, Mr. Frank B. Yates, of two new trebles to the existing ten, making them into a ring of twelve. He was sure every member of the Guild would be pleased to know that Birmingham would then be in the unique position of possessing three modern rings of 12, one from each of the three well-known bell foundries. He had much pleasure in proposing that the best thanks of the Guild be accorded Mr. Frank B. Yates for his most generous gift. This was supported by Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. Albert Walker and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker said he had recently visited Mr. Tom Miller, who was now an inmate of St. Joseph's Home at Harborne. He was now in his 91st year and could get about nicely with the aid of two sticks and often gets out for a walk. He was the same old Tom Miller, alert, and full of his original anecdotes, and he thought that could he get into a tower or get a pair of handbells he would still ring them in his old style. He sent his best wishes to his old friends, and Mr. Walker suggested that if any member could spare the time he was sure they would enjoy a visit to Mr. Miller.

Lancashire Association

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. R. NEWTON.

At their monthly meeting held at Halewood on October 9th, the Liverpool Branch paid a well-deserved tribute to Mr. G. R. Newton, who recently retired from the post of branch secretary, a position which he had held for nearly ten years. The tribute took the tangible form of a week-end case and umbrella, to which members of the branch had subscribed.

The presentation was made by one of the younger members, Miss Julie Preston, who in a very neat and charming speech recalled the valuable work which Mr. Newton had done for ringing in general and for the Liverpool Branch in particular over a long period of years and echoed the feelings of all present when she spoke of the high regard in which G. R. N. was held by all who knew him. It was indeed a delightful speech which charmed all her hearers.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Newton confessed that, for once, he found himself short of words. The presentation had been kept a carefully guarded secret and he had no inkling of what was afoot. It was a matter of extreme regret to all present that Mrs. Newton was unable to be there as she had been taken ill the day previously, and the hope was expressed on all sides that she would make a speedy recovery.

WEDDING OF MISS BESSIE BOOTH

A very pretty wedding took place at Standish Parish Church on October 9th between Mr. Eustace Chamberlain and Miss Bessie Booth, both of Standish. The bride, her father, John Booth, and the bridegroom are ringers at this church, but the bride and her father are remembered by many for their tune ringing on handbells, both on the 'air' and at social events.

The Rector, Canon Mellor, officiated, and was assisted by Dr. Jackson, of Dorset, a former curate, and the service was choral.

The high esteem in which they are held was shown by the large attendance at the service; the church was full and there was a full complement of the choir. The bells were rung before and after the service by the local band, followed by a 504 Stedman Triples by visitors, and after the reception a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was successfully brought round by a representative band from Manchester, Standish, Adlington, Chorley, Bolton, Westhoughton, Blackburn and Hale.

'Good wishes' messages were received from all parts of Lancashire.

Well over a hundred guests partook of tea at Ashfield Hall for the reception, after which the happy couple left for Keswick for their honeymoon.

Canon Mellor, in a toast, related the story of the organ and the bells. When the former was approached to play for the wedding it replied, 'I'm "blowed" if I will,' but the bells replied, 'We always do as we are "tolled."'

P. C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT AT HULL.

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District was held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on October 2nd, when, as the bells could not be rung before tea, the business meeting was held at 2.30, followed by the service at 3.15 and tea at 4 o'clock. This accounted for the rather small attendance during the afternoon, but about 50 were present in the tower during the evening.

Seven new members were elected, viz., Miss M. Milligan and Messrs. J. Wall, S. Hird, W. Graves, J. Armes, P. Henri and J. Proctor. Miss Sidgeley was thanked for her hard work in arranging the meeting at short notice, and, in reply, she welcomed the Association to Holy Trinity for the first meeting there for nearly 30 years. Good use was made of the bells, recently overhauled by J. Taylor and Co.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. T. W. LAST.

The death took place at his home, the Brick Kiln, Helmingham, Suffolk, of Mr. Thomas William Last.

Born at Helmingham on April 8th, 1879, he commenced to ring at an early age at Framsden under that brilliant conductor, Mr. George Wightman. Since 1900 he had been a regular service ringer and a chorister at Helmingham. A man of kind heart, always agreeable and of an unselfish nature, it will be remembered that when St. Mary's company were making history he readily agreed to share in the conducting of the various Surprise methods that were being rung.

A brickmaker by trade, he had all his life been engaged in hard work and was never slow in tackling a bad going bell. A handy man with carpenter's tools, he well blacked out the belfry so that practices could be held to keep the band together. He was also very neat with his pen and made a record of the 46 Surprise methods that were rung in his own handwriting. It is hoped that this framed record will permanently remain in the belfry beside the 7th that he loved so well.

Bill was always content to ring round the back end: this may be shown by the fact that he hadn't circled his own tower. Never any desire to ring above eight, although he had rung a few peals of Royal, he was always willing to go anywhere for any method. In all he had rung about 300 peals for the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild. His record may perhaps be remembered in 'Leading Conductors,' 1938.

He leaves a widow, six daughters and one son. At the funeral on October 16th the Suffolk Guild was represented by Mr. C. E. Fisher, vice-president, and Mr. C. W. Pipe, secretary. Immediately after the service the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band.

A regular service ringer and loyal churchman, his place will be hard to fill. L.G.B.

MR. ALBERT LAWRENCE.

Mr. Albert Lawrence, captain of the Hatfield Parish Church ringers, past president of the Herts County Association and retired police sergeant, passed away on October 8th in hospital at Barnet. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Lawrence had qualities of sincerity and dependability; he was a keen worker for the Church, always willing to help others. In fact, his 51 years of ringing were devoted mainly to introducing new blood into the Exercise and teaching them the art of change ringing. His pupils have said that his conduct in the belfry was of the highest order and that they have the privilege of benefiting from his sound methods of tuition, which included the attainment of good striking.

The funeral service took place at St. Ethelreda's Church on October 12th, and in addition to family mourners and many local people, Messrs. W. Ayre and G. W. Cartmel (Herts County Association), A. W. Coles and T. J. Lock (Middlesex County Association), W. Nash, G. Radley and F. Elliott, members of the local band and other ringers, Mr. H. Secker (representing Lord and Lady Salisbury and Lord Cranborne), the Deputy Chief Constable of Hertfordshire and officers of the Herts County Police were present.

Neither the tower bells nor handbells were rung at the funeral service by request, but in the evening at the Parish Church, 1,249 changes of Grandsire Caters were rung in 53 minutes by J. T. Kentisth (conductor) 1, W. Nash 2, A. W. Coles 3, A. White 4, Mrs. T. J. Lock 5, R. A. Cochrane 6, A. Cull 7, T. J. Lock 8, A. R. Lawrence 9, L. Cull 10, in memory of a late colleague.

WANTAGE, BERKS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Fullbrook 1, C. P. Day 2, C. P. Lester (first quarter) 3, G. Bishop 4, J. Gordon (first as cond.) 5, H. White 6, R. B. Blond 7, W. Seymour 8.

MR. S. BLATCH.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Sam Blatch, of North Weald, Essex, aged 75. The first Master of the local Guild, he was a very popular leader.

Muffled Grandsire Doubles (his favourite method) were rung at the funeral, which took place at North Weald on October 5th. F.V.G.

MR. ALDOUS ELSEY.

The death took place at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on September 29th of Mr. Aldous Elsey, at the age of 58 years. His home was at Winfarthing, Norfolk, where he was captain of the local ringers. He was also attached to St. Mary's, Diss.

Mr. Elsey had taken part in two peals for the Norwich Association, but a serious illness about 20 years ago had debarred him from further peal ringing. By his charming disposition he was loved by all who met him.

The funeral took place at Winfarthing Church on October 2nd. Besides the local ringers, Mr. Clement J. More, Ringing Master at Diss, was present. A.G.H.

MR. LEONARD LEWIS.

By the passing of Mr. Leonard Lewis on Oct. 13th, Goring-by-Sea, Sussex, has lost a valuable ringer. He was 60 years of age. Mr. Lewis was born in Radnorshire, and gave up a business career to join the West Sussex Police in 1913. During the 1914-18 war he was sent to France with the Military Police, from which he was demobilised in 1919, and rejoined the West Sussex Police, and after a time was promoted Superintendent, the office of which he held for eight years in the Worthing Division. He also acted in the capacity of Deputy Chief Constable of West Sussex.

Mr. Lewis started ringing at the age of 12, and at 20 he became captain of the St. Peter's, Glasbury-on-Wye, ringers, with whom he rang a peal to mark his leaving the district to join the Police Force. Since his retirement from the police he had been a regular ringer at the Parish Church, Goring-by-Sea, and he often complimented the local band by saying 'That was good tapping!'

The funeral took place at Durrington Cemetery on October 16th and was attended by a large congregation, consisting of officials of the Town Council, West Sussex Police Force and friends. Mr. Lewis leaves a widow; his only child, a daughter, died four years ago. S.F.H.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

CHEW DEANERY TO HOLD CORPORATE COMMUNIONS.

Meeting at Portishead on October 9th, the Chew Branch, following the example of ringers in the Frome area, decided to institute a quarterly corporate Communion with a communal breakfast in various parishes throughout the deanery. If sufficient support is forthcoming, the gatherings will be held at more frequent intervals, but it was resolved to inaugurate the series by attending the 8 a.m. parochial Mass at All Saints', Wrington, on October 31st. Breakfast will be reserved for those attending their names to Mr. H. W. Knight.

Other business transacted included the election of eight new ringing members from Portishead, Clapton and Nailsea, the decision to hold the annual meeting at Wrington on December 4th, with the November monthly practice at Clapton on the 20th.

The Association Office was conducted by the Vicar of Portishead, who gave an address.

FROME BRANCH.

Fifteen towers were represented at the quarterly meeting at Beckington. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major were successfully brought round. The question of reviving the monthly practice was discussed at length and the matter was referred to the annual meeting next January.

LETTERS

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—The weight of the back ten at Southwark Cathedral is 182 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb., and the net weight of the tenor is 48 cwt. 9 lb. The total weight of the ten at Wells is supposed to be 181½ cwt. and the back ten at Redcliffe 176½ cwt. Going by total weights the Cambridge Royal at Southwark is the heaviest, but I think everyone will agree that a peal of Royal at Wells Cathedral is a bigger performance than at Southwark.—Yours faithfully,

A. A. HUGHES.

34, Whitechapel Road, London, E.1.

BELLS RINGING THE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter of Mr. Clift re weights of peals rung to Surprise Royal. As the collective weight of Southwark is 198 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb., this still appears to hold the field! There is another aspect of judging performances on heavy bells, however, which is seldom mentioned, and that is the question of time.

There is no disgrace, of course, in ringing peals in slow time, but it makes all the difference in performance. Most of us know rings of bells of between 20 and 30 cwt., which requires smart work to ring a peal of Major in 3 hours or so, but become anybody's bells at 3.15 and upwards. For instance, the peals of Superlative and Cambridge Major on back eights of Cornhill and Southwark, 41 and 50 cwt., respectively, were both 3 hours and 44 minutes, and the peal of London on back eight of Bow, tenor 53 cwt., was 4 hours, all smart performances. I never heard either of them, but would be quite satisfied as to their integrity from composition of bands.

When I see reports of various people who are continually ringing tenors, and always in slow time, I get the impression that the bells are ringing the ringers, and not vice versa. I again emphasise there is no fault to be found with a slow, well-struck peal, but it certainly counts when the value of heavy bell performances is in question.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

OUTINGS

S.S. PHILIP & JACOB'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

The green hills of Somerset were the objective of the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild, Bristol, for the outing on September 25th.

A start was made at 1.30 p.m. for Wells. Arriving, the Cathedral bells were raised and were soon going to Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge Royal, with R. C. Seager making a good job of turning in the 57¾ cwt. tenor.

The party then proceeded to Ditcheat for tea at the Manor House Inn, and after an excellent repast entertained the host and his staff with some tunes and Treble Bob Royal on handbells. This no doubt benefited the digestion generally, especially in the case of the gentleman who had taken plum jam to his meat in mistake for chutney.

Some good ringing followed on the lovely Ditcheat bells to the tune of Bristol, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major. The last call was Chewton Mendip, with its splendid tower and bells, where a pleasant hour or so was spent.

By this time muscles were tired and a few throats were a trifle dry, so the next destination was obvious. Refreshed, the party then proceeded homeward, reaching Bristol at 10 p.m. E. J. B.

TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Arranged by Miss Rosemary Brading (Godalming), 22 ringers from Grayshott, Haslemere, Godalming, Liss, Seale, Aldershot and Farnham had an outing to the Isle of Wight on October 2nd. Ringing was enjoyed at Newport, Carisbrooke, Godshill, Brading and All Saints', Ryde. Mr. C. W. Denyer supervised the ringing.

Kent County Association

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on October 2nd. Ringers present numbered fifty and a number of lively touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, including one touch of Reversed Grandsire Triples. The service at 4.45 was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Russell B. White), who is an honorary member of the Association.

Tea followed at the Oak Tea Rooms and was succeeded in due course by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. Mr. E. Ladd was re-elected a district representative, but Mr. B. Collison did not wish to stand again and accordingly Miss D. Colgate, of Sevenoaks, was elected a district representative in his place. Mr. B. W. Pankhurst and Mr. R. A. Whitehead, the retiring Ringing Master and secretary respectively, were also re-elected. New members elected were Miss B. Tomlin, of Tonbridge, and Messrs. G. Baker, S. Cole, A. Wellington, D. Cole, B. Cole, B. Brown, G. Payne and K. Hohl, of Tunbridge Wells.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

FIRST SURPRISE AT PENZANCE BRANCH.

Seventy-five members attended the Penzance Branch meeting at Carbis Bay on October 9th, including Miss E. Symons (president), Mr. W. H. Southeard (Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary) and Col. C. F. Jerram. A welcome visitor was the Rev. D. P. Roberts, of Liverpool.

The service was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts, who in his address sounded two notes, first, thanksgiving for all that had gone before to make the occasion possible, and referring to the facts that 51 years ago on the day before the Guild had been founded, and two years ago that day the eight bells in the tower were dedicated. Secondly, the note of urgency because of the great influence they, as a small minority, could have over a large number of people who knew nothing of the intricacy of the art.

All present were the guests of the Church Council for tea, and at the business meeting it was reported that the Dr. Symons' Memorial Bell Fund had reached £101. An invitation to hold the spring meeting at Manaccan and St. Anthony was accepted.

Ringing took place on the eight at Carbis Bay and the six at Lelant, and included rounds and the standard methods, and for the first time at such a gathering a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Rev. D. P. Roberts 1, W. H. Southeard 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, Miss J. E. Withey 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, H. Miles 6.

MEETING AT ST. VERYAN.

The presence of the president (Miss E. Symons), Mr. W. H Southeard (Ringing Master), the Rev. C. K. Peeke (treasurer), two branch secretaries and about 56 ringers at St. Veryan on October 2nd was very encouraging to mark the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Guild.

The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alston). The address was given by the Rev. C. K. Peeke (Vicar of St. Paul's, Truro), who said that 'peal ringing should not be rung for pleasure any more than playing ping-pong or billiards on the altar table, as the bells were just as sacred as the altar.'

The president thanked the Vicar and his helpers for making it a successful event and ringing ended at about 8.30.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

Mundford was visited for the first time on October 2nd and 40 ringers attended. At the business meeting the Rector (the Rev. H. D. F. Rokeby), Mr. A. Smith and Mr. B. Westwood (organist) were elected honorary members. The next meeting is to be held at Forncett on November 13th.

First Quarter for 50 Years

Early in October, 1888, Mr. Maurice W. Watts joined the choir at Wadhurst (Sussex) Parish Church. Four years later he learnt to handle a bell and soon became proficient in Bob Doubles and Minor and Grandsire Doubles and rang in several quarter-peals, but after about six years the band declined to call changes and Mr. Watts had little chance to practise method ringing. When it was revived in 1943 Mr. Watts proved to be a very useful asset to the tower.

In the choir Mr. Watts became tenor soloist and remains so to date. He has been on the Church Council since 1918 and people's warden since 1940. On Sunday, October 3rd, Mr. Watts was allowed to choose all the music for both services, taking the tenor solo himself, and before evening he rang the treble with effortless ease to a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles in his honour despite the fact that after an internal operation some years ago his doctor forbade him to ring, but Mr. Watts just carried on. On October 4th he entertained the choir and ringers to supper and a musical evening.

The details of the quarter-peal are: 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. W. Watts (first quarter for 50 years) 1, C. Pilbeam (first 'inside') 2, L. W. Giles 3, Miss M. Pilbeam 4, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 5, J. T. Newick 6.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the above district was held in Londonderry on October 9th and was attended by members from Londonderry, Holywood, Belfast and Hillsborough. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Pratt, president, Irish Association, in the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Londonderry. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: Vice-president for the district, the Rev. E. S. Barber (Holywood); chairman, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); hon. secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); hon. assistant secretary, Mr. J. J. Fielding (Londonderry); hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Dunwoody (Holywood); Ringing Master, Mr. Brown.

Tribute was paid to Mr. W. Webb, the retiring hon. secretary, who had seen the Association through the recent difficult years and had helped to bring it up to its present high standard.

Full use was made of the fine ring of ten at St. Columb's Cathedral, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung. It is most encouraging to see the revival of change ringing in Londonderry, and this has been due to the splendid tuition of Mr. T. Hampton, of St. Martin's, Birmingham, who is stationed near the city.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL'S LOSS

Mr. W. H. Pickett, who has been captain of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Society of Change Ringers for the past 17 years, has resigned his office as he is shortly removing to Edinburgh.

At a special meeting of the Society on Oct. 5th he thanked the band (six of whom are still regular ringers) for their support during his term as captain. The Provost spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Pickett's qualities, both as a leader and as an active churchman and hoped he would carry on his good work elsewhere.

Mr. T. C. Winderam was unanimously elected his successor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

About fifty members took advantage of the brilliant weather on October 2nd to combine a walk along Southend's pier with a touch on Taylor's new ring at Thorpe Bay.

The service was taken by the Vicar, and elaborate arrangements for entertainment had been made by the local band. Ringing took place in the evening at Prittlewell. The annual meeting was fixed for January 8th at Barking.

Ladies' Guild

WEST MIDLANDS DISTRICT.

This district made a good start by their first meeting at All Saints' Church, Grendon (6 bells), on October 2nd. There was a good attendance of both lady and gentlemen ringers, and a number of Doubles and Minor methods and also call changes were rung.

The Rev. A. C. Crawley-Boevey, Rector, conducted a short service and gave an interesting talk on the history and relics of his church instead of the usual address.

Tea was held in the drawing room of the Rectory, thanks to the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Crawley-Boevey. The enjoyable tea was provided by the local ringing master and the generosity of other ringers.

The officers elected at the business meeting were: Vice-president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; district secretary, Miss June M. Griffiths; District Committee, Miss Lola M. Callow, Miss Margaret Beamish, Miss Margaret D. Reaves, Mrs. P. Billington; General Committee representatives, Miss Audrey A. Timms, Miss Margaret Beamish.

Eighteen new members were enrolled, together with six members transferred from the Midland District, making a total of 24 members for the district. Three honorary members were elected, Mrs. A. Roberts (Stoke, Coventry), Mrs. J. White (Allesley, Coventry) and Mrs. Crawley-Boevey (Grendon).

It was decided to hold meetings quarterly in June, September, December and March, on the first Saturday of the month, the annual meeting being held in June. Nuneaton was proposed for the place of the December meeting, and it is hoped that any ladies wishing to join will come along to this meeting.

MEETING AT NORTH MIMMS.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting was held at North Mimms on September 25th, when about 25 members and friends attended from a wide area. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major.

In the absence of the Rector, a short service was conducted by the Rev. Barrow, Mrs. Lock accompanying on the organ. After tea a short meeting was held, at which three new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting in November at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, subject to permission being obtained. The business concluded with votes of thanks to the Rev. Barrow and to Mrs. Lock for making all the arrangements.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the branch was held on October 2nd at St. James', Devizes, attended by 36 members, with visitors from St. Thomas', Salisbury, High Wycombe, Guildford and Yatesbury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Witcomb), with Miss Willis at the organ. Tea was served in the Community Centre, followed by the meeting, presided over by Mr. A. T. Weeks (vice-chairman), who spoke about the death of the Rev. Joyce Watson, Vicar of Upavon, and the members stood in silence. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist, and the ladies for the tea. The branch handbells were rung afterwards. Ringing during the afternoon and evening at all three churches ranged from rounds to Bob Major.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Fourteen towers were represented at the meeting at Cavendish on October 9th. The bells of Pentlow were also in good demand during the afternoon. Sudbury was fixed for next meeting, when it is hoped that the tenor at All Saints' would be rehung.

A district outing was proposed for early summer, 1949, requests being made for likely travellers. A good variety of methods was rung up to Cambridge and there were call changes for beginners.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX. — On Oct. 3rd, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. T. Parker 1, D. R. Judd 2, S. Croft (first in method) 3, A. Jones 4, W. J. Ellis 5, A. Cutler 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, F. A. Finch (cond.) 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Verrill (first quarter) 1, H. Reynolds 2, H. A. Nobes 3, J. W. Meade 4, E. Brown 5, F. Barron 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Russell 1, H. Haines 2, F. Cherryman 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, G. Fennel 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Greenough 1, C. Gregory 2, R. H. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich: M. Routh 1, Miss B. J. Adlam 2, M. J. Best 3, J. E. Daniels 4, D. T. Matkin 5, G. E. Evenden 6, A. J. Butler 7, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 8. First quarter Double Norwich on the bells and for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Fowkes 1, Thomas Tyler 2, W. Hayward 3, B. H. Head 4, W. Head 5, Joshua Newsome 6, W. Overton (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. First quarter in method on the bells and first in method by 1, 5 and 6.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 600 Single Oxford): Miss J. E. Askew (first quarter) 1, Tony Price (cond.) 2, G. W. Morris 3, G. Dodds 4, R. E. Price 5, H. W. Barratt 6.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. J. Humphrey 1, G. Kite 2, Miss Hilda Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, C. Cullen 5, P. Spice 6, M. F. Oakshett 7, J. E. Lyddiard (first in method as cond.) 8.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Chandler (first quarter) 1, A. G. Atkins 2, A. Ham 3, W. Johnson 4, R. Abery (cond.) 5, M. Wise (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Mr. G. Burgess and Miss D. Churcher.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Lewis 1, C. L. Catlin 2, F. W. Hutt 3, V. A. Perry 4, K. R. Holtom (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First quarter on the bells and last before rehanging.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: M. I. Chilcott 1, R. Davies 2, J. Phillips 3, Mrs. F. E. Collins 4, H. Belcher 5, D. E. Parsons 6, W. Oatway 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, G. H. Humphries 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, D. D. Cooper 12. First quarter of Stedman Cinques by 4 and 7.

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 combined Kent and Oxford and 600 Oxford): H. Clark (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, J. E. Allen 2, E. Staples 3, G. Pearson 4, A. H. Bennett 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6.

EBLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Doris Sheppard 1, T. Pritchard 2, B. Latham 3, D. Gay 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, Miss Nora Aldridge (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. H. Scrivens on his 90th birthday.

FULHAM. — On Sept. 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1,282 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 2, E. R. Mackrill 3, J. Allsopp 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, W. J. Paice 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, W. T. Elson 8, G. W. Debenham 9, P. Judkins 10.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Ruth M. K. How (first on tower bells) 1, R. J. G. Thom 2, H. F. Sargent 3, R. M. Preston 4, E. Brumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Winderam (cond.) 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

HANBURY, WORCS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nicklin 1, A. O. Lewis 2, E. G. Cairns 3, H. Nicklin (cond.) 4, A. Poultney 5, J. F. Nash 6.

HACKNEY, LONDON. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Hughes 1, A. E. Boyack 2, E. E. Holman 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. E. Willmington 5, F. V. Gant 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. Akers 8. For the induction of the Rev. D. J. Leigh-Wood as Vicar.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 3, W. Wenban 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. First of Surprise by 1, 2, 5 and 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Cruttenden 1, E. Morey 2, G. Paine 3, E. Packham (first of Stedman 'inside') 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Lish 6, B. White (cond.) 7, G. Packham 8. First in method for 7 and 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, at St. Andrew's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Cornford 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, J. Carrott 3, E. G. Cottis 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On September 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Kape 1, T. Cox 2, A. R. Blaby 3, T. Timpson 4, Ann Smith 5, H. Parkinson 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8. First in method for 1 and 6.

IFFLEY, OXON. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day and 540 Grandsire): L. H. Busby 1, J. Adams 2, Miss N. Honey (first as cond.) 3, W. Fern 4, G. B. Beeby 5, G. D. Baker (first quarter) 6. To welcome twin daughters for J. Adams and a son for G. B. Beeby.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Mabbutt 1, Miss J. Middleton (first quarter) 2, H. Mabbutt (first quarter) 3, J. Collins 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6.

NOTTINGHAM. — At the Church of Holy Trinity, Lenton, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Berry 1, G. Padgett 2, H. Rogers 3, F. Holehouse 4, W. Ratcliffe 5, R. Narborough (cond.) 6, K. Lee 7, A. Berry 8. First quarter by 7 and 8.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, R. J. Andrews 2, Mrs. A. Smith 3, Miss J. Smith 4, R. Lathbury 5, W. A. Goldstone 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Careless (first quarter) 1, G. E. Crisp 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, A. Payne 6, A. W. T. Ginn 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8. Also 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Norman 1, W. Bavin 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Adams 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8.

PENGE, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Jean Harle 1, D. G. Brown (cond.) 2, M. W. B. Watson 3, N. T. Hext 4, J. Cooper 5, D. Heritage 6. First quarter by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

PETERBOROUGH. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Warner 1, J. Bluff 2, H. Goakes 3, J. Mounfield 4, W. Waldron 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8. First in method 2 and 8.

SIDCUP, KENT. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Green 1, R. Dent 2, Miss M. Kotting 3, C. E. Palmer 4, A. G. Hill (cond.) 5, C. M. Saver 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Crowe (first quarter) 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, E. W. Brown 3, W. J. Lee 4, R. Garwood 5, A. W. Bird (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. H. Durrant (first other than covering) 1, B. A. Cornell 2, F. J. Spicer 3, T. J. Southam (cond.) 4, R. C. Smith 5, A. E. Ewer (first 'inside') 6.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 540 Bob Doubles, 360 Grandsire): Miss V. Preston 1, Miss K. Preston 2, J. Roberts 3, F. Preston 4, T. Davison 5, J. Roberts (first as cond.) 6. First in three methods by all except the conductor.

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MEETINGS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided at small cost. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—N. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. 4154

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. District Sec. 4203

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tamplecombe, Oct. 23rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 4224

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Longstanton (8), Oct. 23rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring own food).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4233

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Buck Branch. — Farnham Royal, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3.—A. D. Barker. 4239

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, Oct. 23rd, 3. Tea 5. 4234

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Deane, Oct. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Deane Gate, Oakley. Bells after tea. — G. Chesterman, District Sec., Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4266

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis (8), Oct. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey. 4243

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Boroughbridge (6), Oct. 23rd. Aldborough (6) also available. Tea at 5.—Edward Hudson, District Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon 4244

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The monthly practice at Southwark Cathedral, formerly held on Thursday evening, will in future be held on the Tuesday immediately before the business meeting of the Society, commencing on Tuesday, Oct. 26th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4263

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bilston, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by 26th the latest, please.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4228

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District).—Combined meeting at Staines, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Oct. 30th, is cancelled. —F. A. Finch and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Secs. 4241

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea (2s. 3d. per head) not later than Monday, 25th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4236

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at the Roundstone Hotel 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea notify me by Oct. 26th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 4232

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Trevethin (Pontypool), Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 4231

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m., St. Giles', Camberwell. Nomination of officers. 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice meeting at Halesworth (8), Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4264

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Christ Church, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service and dedication of bells 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All welcome.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4269

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Henbury (8), Oct. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 4259

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Meeting at Long Clawson, Oct. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson, by 28th. Good bus service from Melton. 4272

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Courteenhall, Oct. 30th. Names for tea must be sent to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. United Counties bus service Nos. 14 and 26 4274

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Jubilee Cafe. Those requiring tea and intending to be present please notify by the Tuesday previous Mrs. J. Finn, 30, Dragonby, Scunthorpe. 4253

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Liversedge, Oct. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge, by Oct. 27th. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4280

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery. — Meeting at Chedzoy, Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. It is hoped to arrange tea. —R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4271

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Adwick-le-Street, Oct. 30th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 4250

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Meeting, Bournemouth, Oct. 30th. St. Peter's 3 to 5.30, St. John's, Surrey Road, from 6.30. Tea, Stewarts, Bournemouth Arcade, 5.30. Notify by Oct. 27th.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4248

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Torre, Torquay, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Usual arrangements. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 4258

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. For tea notify by Oct. 28th F. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby. —J. W. Cotton. 4278

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4279

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday evening practice at 6.15 p.m. on Oct. 30th, Nov. 27th, Jan. 29th, Feb. 26th.—F. J. Plummer, Secretary. 4277

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4281

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Wrington, Oct. 31st, 8 a.m Bells 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by Oct. 27th. —H. W. Knight, Woolmers, Cleeve, near Bristol. 4260

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing, St. John de Sepulchre's, 2. Tea (1s. 9d. each) and meeting at Ber House, 4.15. Agenda, to give notice of addition to Rule 9 as follows: 'A peal booking fee of 6d. shall be levied on each ringer taking part in a peal for the Association.' Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Secretary, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 30th. 4139

SALISBURY, ST. THOMAS'.—Rededication, Saturday, Nov. 6th, 3.30. Tea 4.30 for those notifying J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury, by Nov. 4th. Ringing afterwards. 4267

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Nov. 6th Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify by Nov. 2nd H. K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 4270

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — A practice meeting at Ewell on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Book the date, no further notice.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec. 4273

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Creaton, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Tea only for those whose names reach me by Oct. 30th.—E. G. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4256

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of augmented peal at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Private bus from Coventry, book seats with T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. Private bus from Nuneaton, book with the Hon. Sec. Tea will be arranged for bus travellers and also for others who wish to join the party and will let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. Details later.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 4262

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Nov. 6th. Names for tea before Nov. 2nd to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. No name no tea. 4276

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.—The rededication of the bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4255

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd, please. This meeting was arranged for Bishop's Stortford, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, Sawbridgeworth had to be made second choice.—G. Blake, District Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4261

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Woodman Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Nov. 1st. 4251

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Meeting, St. Michael's, Nov. 6th. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Church Hall. Notify by Nov. 3rd. 4275

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (6), Nov. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Names to Mr. G. Dawson, Bicker, Boston, before Nov. 6th. 4230

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 11th, at Cheltenham St. Mary's (12). Note date. Details later.—Charles Rouse. 4265

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

THIS week it is the turn of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Featured in this issue is the report of the second annual festival of this Guild, a particularly happy family gathering of about 150 ringers and their wives. It is this family spirit that we are anxious to foster in every Guild. While Leicester has only been a separate entity since January, 1946, it has known organised ringing for many years, as from 1882 it was part of the Midland Counties Association.

The President (Mr. Harold Poole) recounts in the report just published the method of formation—a circular letter to the incumbent of each church in the diocese with a ring of bells, followed by the meeting at Leicester attended by the Bishop. The Guild was thus formed on a solid foundation and is regarded by the diocesan authorities as an organisation belonging to the diocese. 'Our first and foremost duty,' states the President, 'is the ringing of bells properly for services.'

When the Midland Counties Association was disbanded and three new bodies formed, progress was anticipated. In the case of Leicester, this has been fulfilled. The 575 members who were transferred from the old Association increased month by month until, at the end of the first two years covered by the report, the membership totalled 823 and the number of towers represented increased by 94. Monthly meetings are held in each of the six districts, and the ground has been well covered in a manner not possible under the old Association. Many towers have had their first visit from a ringing association. The result is to be seen in the membership list and is the answer to the question, 'Was it worth while?'

Financially, the Leicester Guild is sound. Not only is there a balance of £72 on the general fund, but the Bell Repair Fund has already amassed a balance of £158. Of this £102 was forthcoming from the first Guild Festival to mark the beginning of a week of celebrations to commemorate the coming-of-age of the diocese. The success of that function, which concluded with a dance attended by 1,200 people, was at the time reported in our columns.

Leicester has always held an honoured position in the realm of peal ringing. By the end of the second year 218 peals had been scored. Of this number 14 are peals of Maximus and three of Cinques. While in the corresponding period the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham rang 25 twelve-bell peals, Leicester rightly claims a more varied selection with Maximus performances in Cambridge, Yorkshire, New Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey and York. This Guild is also wisely looking to the future. Youth predominates among ringers in many towers, and the methods of instruction employed have brought a steady flow of young people to the front in work in more advanced methods. While the Guild enjoys the inspired leadership of the President, the material in reserve is such that the Exercise can look to this Midland diocese not only to cast bells which are included in the finest examples of the craft, but men and women to ring these bells with ears attuned to the rhythm of perfect striking.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX ...	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	2	PETER N. BOND	8
ALBERT DISERENS	3	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ...	9
ALBERT M. TYLER ...	4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	10
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	5	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	11
PATRICIA HOLMES	6	H. PETER RAYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	6
*JOHN PINFOLD	2	HENRY H. FEARN	7
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* 50th peal this year.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
ALAN F. THIRST	2	HOWARD HOWELL ...	7
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ...	3	THOMAS HEMMING ...	8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	9
HERBERT KNIGHT ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	*Treble*	ALBERT WALKER	6
ARTHUR S. RAINEY ...	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	7
*HAROLD J. YARDLEY ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	8
†ALFRED J. ALLEN ...	4	†J. WILLIAM PETTIGREW	9
†ALLAN SHORT	5	†ALBERT L. PETTIGREW	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALLAN SHORT.
* First peal † First peal of Grandsire Caters. An 80th birthday compliment to the composer. Tenor 25 cwt.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*HARRY D. LISTER	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
HOBART E. SMITH ...	2	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN...	7
*LESLIE G. BRETT ...	3	*CECIL W. PIPE	8
*M. JEAN FREER	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	9
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	5	*JOHN F. TILLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. MOTTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Royal. In memoriam T. W. Last, of Helmingham. Tenor 32 cwt.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

DORIS G. DOBBIE ...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	2	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	7
STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	8
ALFRED E. REEVES ...	4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	9
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	5	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal on ten. To the memory of John H. B. Hesse.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

FRANK WHITE	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	FREDERICK C. WHITE ...	7
*NORA HONEY	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ...	8
FRANCIS A. WHITE ...	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
FREDERICK MESSENGER	5	FREDERICK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ...	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ...	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ...	9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	5	REUBEN SAUNDERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT.
* First Surprise peal. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal. Tenor 26¼ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. LOTT ...	*Treble*	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ...	6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ...	3	JAMES BULLOCK	7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	4	HERBERT COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*STANLEY J. NICOLLS	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	5
MISS MARY WALSHAW...	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
PHILIP J. COWARD ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 119).
Composed by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
*THOMAS E. DAVIES ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	5
F. HECTOR BENNETT ...	2	*GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
†MAURICE G. TURNER ...	4	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal in the method.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM WATKINSON	*Treble*	‡ALBERT HULLEY	5
EDGAR C. STACEY	2	§CYRIL TOYNE	6
†ERNEST SHORT	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	7
HARRY BARNES	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major. § 25th peal for the Association. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. H. Evans and Miss Frieda Cannings. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*F. RALPH WILLIAMS	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
JAMES W. GROUNDS	2	JAMES L. WRIGHT	6
JAMES BLACKBURN	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Eustace Chamberlain and Miss Bessie Booth.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*ALBERT DISERENS	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
*H. PETER RAYNOR	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
*NOEL J. DISERENS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	‡ALBERT G. HARRISON	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
†ERIC G. BENNETT	3	‡W. ARCHIE LOCK	7
‡WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 100th peal. † First of Little Bob Major. ‡ First in the method. First in method on bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 40 lb. in F.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR EDWARDS	*Treble*	PETER CHILDS	5
*MISS JEAN THOMAS	2	†PETER MOUSER	6
REGINALD C. THRIFT	3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT	7
WILLIAM ALLEN	4	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	†HENRY H. FEARN	5
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	*EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
LEONARD TUFFREY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 50th peal this year.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
GEORGE LEDSHAM	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. WOOD	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
*BERT SUTTON	3	†FRANK K. MEASURES	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	5
STAFFORD H. GREEN	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
*PERCIVAL H. HULL	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	4	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE HAURA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*JOHN D. D. HOWE	*Treble*	ALBERT W. BOND	5
BASIL W. WHITE	2	FRANK HOWE	6
STELLA M. WICKENS	3	R. CONGREVE PRIDGEON	7
MAURICE THOMAS	4	ROBERT CHALLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK HOWE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part, Groves' Variation (7th observation).

WALTER H. MARKS	*Treble*	*WILFRED F. GIBBONS	5
JACK W. DREW	2	REGINALD WELCH	6
DENNIS BEST	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
*HARRY J. GAYLARD	4	†GODFREY H. PIKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. LOCKE.
* First of Triples. † First peal. Rung for the conductor's wedding anniversary. Tenor 23 cwt.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C. ALFRED LEVETT	*Treble*	LESLIE JARVIS	5
*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	2	FREDK. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
*ALBERT A. EASTON	3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Eileen V. Jarvis, daughter of the ringer of the 5th. Tenor 13 cwt.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ALAN PAYNE	*Treble*	†JOHN G. GIPSON	5
CHARLES W. COOK	2	†CYRIL A. HURST	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS	7
MANSFIELD GINN	4	T. REGINALD DENNIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Joseph Thornley	...*Treble*	*Roy Collier	5
Joseph Boyer	2	Thomas Bratby	6
Thomas Allred	3	†Peter Crook, sen. ...	7
Albert E. Sandiford...	4	*Henry Prescott	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.

* First peal. † 250th peal for the Association. In memoriam the Rev. H. J. M. Hall and to those who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Edward Steele ...	...*Treble*	William Edwards ...	5
Charles H. Page... ...	2	William Carnwell ...	6
Frederick Wilshaw ...	3	Frederick Grocott, jun.	7
John G. Cartlidge ...	4	Arthur W. Hall ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Arthur W. Hall.

For the wedding of Mr. E. Roberts, the local leader, to Mrs. Martin.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of St. Vincent,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Arthur Mackears	...*Treble*	Henry Squires	5
*Caleb Simcock	2	Harry L. Squires ...	6
Clement Glenn	3	John Cragg	7
*George Scott	4	Thomas H. Hall ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

* First peal in the method. Holt's Original. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

VERYAN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Symphorian,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,880 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire and 720 Stedman. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

George Clemens ...	...*Treble*	R. Gordon Cross ...	4
F. Dudley Teague ...	2	E. Vivyan Williams ...	5
Harry Miles	3	Percy R. C. Williams	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.

First peal in three Doubles methods by all except conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held in this tower.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each of Plain Bob (4 callings) and Antelope (6 callings) and 2,160 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

W. Harry Short	...*Treble*	William M. Rowe ...	4
*Robert Ferris	2	John Duncan	5
*Edward B. McDonald	3	Kenneth Stacey ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William M. Rowe.

* First peal. First true peal in three methods by all the band and for the Association.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Peggy M. Lamb (13)	...*Treble*	Ernest J. Padgett ...	4
J. J. Taylor	2	Frank Lamb	5
†Rosa Lamb (16)	3	Leslie M. Woodhead...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ESSENDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Sidney Cadle ...	...*Treble*	*Reginald Dore	4
†Stanley Huckle	2	E. Bruce McKie	5
*Wm. A. Southam ...	3	Sidney Carter ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Carter.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently.

*Miss M. A. Davis	...*Treble*	John H. Pagett	4
*Brian Sutton	2	Harold V. Cooper ...	5
†John Bass	3	Fredk. G. Handley	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold V. Cooper.

* First peal. † 501st peal. In honour of the birth of a daughter (Anthea Susan) to the Rev. and Mrs. F. Ingram-Cox.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Paul,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz., Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Ernest T. Carvell	...*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	4
*Joan M. Webster ...	2	Alexander J. Martin ...	5
*Alfred W. Cusick ...	3	Eric J. Gilbert ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. For the induction and institution of the Rev. Kenneth Lee, M.A., as Vicar of the newly-created dual parish of St. Mary and St. Paul, Birkenhead.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

David Targett ...	...*Treble*	Victor Savage	4
*Frederick Savage ...	2	Edward J. Chivers ...	5
Ronald G. Beck... ...	3	Joseph T. Dyke ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.

* First peal of Minor. Tenor 20 cwt.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	...*Treble*	George A. Newton ...	4
Charles Marshall ...	2	John J. Morris	5
William A. Wood ...	3	Ernest Morris ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

First peal of Minor in the method by all and for the Guild. Rung to mark the 45th anniversary of Mr. J. Barker as organist in this diocese, 30 years of which were at Croft.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob, one of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Lloyd Chapman ...	...*Treble*	Arthur J. E. Smalls ...	4
Sydney Flint	2	George Sayer	5
Walter C. Medler ...	3	Nolan Golden ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

Sydney Foskett	...*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield ...	4
C. Henry Harding ...	2	William Stapleton ...	5
*Ronald J. Sharp ...	3	C. Edward Jeffries	...*Tenor*

* 75th peal. Conducted C. Edward Jeffries.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 5 extents St. Simon's, 5 extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 20 extents Grandsire and 12 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Leonard Chambers	...*Treble*	C. William Hall ...	4
†John A. Underwood...	2	Roland Beniston ...	5
†Reginald T. Goodman	3	†George D. Hadfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

BARBARA CLEVELAND	*Treble*	FREDK. S. SLATFORD	4
MRS. F. A. PENN	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	5
*DONALD E. LEE	3	FRANK A. PENN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK A. PENN.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT 90, RYELAND STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HECTOR THOMAS	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON	3-4
CHARLES L. SADLER	5-6		

Forty-two extents, standard callings. Tenor size 11 in G.
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS ANNIE BROWN	1-2	EDWIN J. BROWN	5-6
ROYSTON G. BRYANT	3-4	*REGINALD G. HOOPER	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.
* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 12 in F.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. WULFRAM'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

* RICHARD G. CROSLAND	1-2	ERIC A. DENCH	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	*ALAN ROGERS	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

SEDGEBARROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT AUBYNS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7-8
*MARGARET ROWLANDS	9-10		

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Witness: MRS. J. D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	1-2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5-6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	3-4	FRANK E. PERVIN	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores (10 different callings) and one 240 (Morris).
Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

*A. ERNEST MCGRATH	1-2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3-4
		†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON	5-6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 32, RUSKIN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD G. CROSLAND	1-2	ERIC A. DENCH	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3-4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7-8

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The chronological list of British bellfounders, compiled by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and first published some years ago in 'Topographical Magazine,' is being reprinted and will appear in Hinricksen's 'Musical Year Book' (Vol. VI., 1949). This most comprehensive research contains the names of practically every known bellfounder of this country from earliest times to the present, with their resident places and period their work covered.

The peal at St. John's, Farnworth, Lancs, is stated to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years.

Peals at Cirencester and St. Margaret's, Westminster, were rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal.

Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe and Mr. G. A. Fleming have rung peals of Court Bob on 6, 8. 10 and 12 bells.

Two more Birmingham ringers have scored 50 peals this year—John Pinfold and Henry H. Fearn.

Errata.—The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Wistaston, Cheshire, on Sept. 29th was Richard T. Holding.

Regarding the quarter-peal of Doubles at Yatesbury, Wilts, on Oct. 5th, there were only five ringers and not six as printed last week. Mr. J. Roberts called the quarter from the third.

The peal of Minor at Ash, Somerset, on Oct. 2nd, was rung to the memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell and not the Rev. E. A. Powell as was inadvertently published last week.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at North Bradley, Wilts, is believed to be the first in the Salisbury Guild by a resident band. It was only accomplished after very hard work and several failures. The band previously scored Cambridge and they are now going for another method.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Boreham on October 9th was a 70th birthday compliment to William Allen. Fifty-two years ago Mr. Allen first learned to handle a bell at St. Andrew's, Boreham, and has been a regular attendant for service and practice ringing ever since. His first peal was rung in this tower in 1903, being conducted by Arthur Edwards, grandfather of Arthur Edwards, who on this occasion made his debut as conductor.

Mr. Ralph G. Edwards has 'completed the circle' at Frodsham tower.

Congratulations to Mr. K. Measures, of Burbage, hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, on his 100th peal.

The peal at Kibworth of Superlative Surprise Major was arranged for Mr. Bert Sutton, of Scarborough, who attended the Leicester Diocesan Festival.

W.Bro. John Willis (P.M. Ailwyn Lodge No. 3535 and P.P.G.W. Northants and Hunts), of Folkestone, is to be installed as Worshipful Master of the Shorncliffe Lodge (No. 4330) next Monday. He has the good wishes of ringers in the craft for a happy year of office.

A cordial welcome to Slough has been extended to Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen. He participated in a quarter of Grandsire Triples on October 3rd with Mr. F. V. Sinkins, who is also an octogenarian, and Messrs. E. H. Preston and W. E. Judd, who are on the wrong side of 70. It was called by Mr. W. Birmingham.

Fourteen-year-old Mary Jaycock, of Burnham, Bucks, rang her 25th peal in her own tower on October 9th. Her peals, all on tower bells and all rung 'inside' except one on the treble to Minor, are: Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 4, Bob Triples 1; Minor, seven methods 5, six methods 2, four methods 1; total 25.

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THE Leicester Diocesan Guild Festival is likely to have a permanent place in the Ringers' Calendar. The Second Festival, held at the Lancaster Hall, Leicester, on October 16th, was highly successful and more intimate than its forerunner. Mr. Harold J. Poole (the president) was a genial chairman and was supported by Mrs. Poole and a company of 140. A feature of the decorations was a massive bell, the work of Mr. C. F. H. Knight. Miss Jill Poole was again the hon. secretary. There was ringing in the afternoon and the dinner was followed by a concert and a dance.

Supporting the president were the Revs. F. W. Pratt (Birstall), E. E. Jones (Belgrave), R. J. Fielder (St. Mark's, Leicester), A. M. Dutton (St. John the Divine, Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Measures, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gobey, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey (Ilkeston), Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner (Southwell), Mr. and Mrs. E. Buswell (Kilby), Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton (Scarborough), Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jenney, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vallance.

Messrs. P. L. Taylor, J. P. Fidler, C. Harrison and J. R. Smith (Loughborough), F. H. Dexter, Josiah Morris, J. Grant, J. S. Carter, K. Roe, F. Roe (Wigston Magna), T. Mark White, Harold A. May (Guildford), C. Banham (Attleborough), S. Harrison, G. Olliffe, J. Bramley, J. Bennett, A. Cattell, P. J. Staniforth, M. Staniforth, R. F. Elkington, A. Disney, H. Poyner, B. Warwick, G. Manning, H. Bowley, L. Lovett (Sileby), F. R. Lowe (Derby) G. Rigby, D. R. Carlisle (Sandiacre), P. Palmer, C. Walker, F. Cheney, H. Cook, W. Root, E. Geary, V. Geary, W. Geary, C. A. Catlin, F. Mellor, K. R. Holtom (Rugby), F. R. Deacon, H. Cook, H. Parker (Northwich) and T. W. White.

Mrs. D. Staniforth, the Misses Jill Poole, F. A. Poole, N. Humberstone, Jean Ward, E. Faulknall, I. Rowley, W. Price, D. Udale, B. Morris.

The Rev. F. W. Pratt, Vicar of Birstall, proposed the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild.' Not being a ringer, he said, he could look at them from the outside and say what he could not say about them if he was one of them.

A week last Tuesday at Birstall they had a wonderful service—the dedication of three new bells, thus completing their great desire to place in their tower a ring of eight, and it was really due to the president of the Leicester Guild that there were eight bells. 'He happened to be in the church one day,' said the Rev. Pratt, 'when I told him of our scheme. He said, 'Don't stop at six bells; go for eight.'' In a month we had another two. I am also in charge of another church in which I would like to see another three to make it a ring of six.

'My first introduction to ringing was with Joe Morris when I was a curate at St. Margaret's, Leicester. From there I went to that Mecca of ringers—Loughborough—although I had not the muscular or mental power for ringing.

'THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH.'

'Why are we prepared to think hard and work hard and raise money for bells? I think it is in order that the towers of our churches may mean something more than they did. Let me put it this way. Since we started ringing eight the village has been divided. Some say, "Good old Vicar—he has got the money for the bells," and others say something else (laughter). What reaches out to tell people, whether they are in bed or not, that the church is in their midst? They know what the bells stand for. They are the voice of the church saying, "I am here, and even if you have little use for me, if you meet with circumstances where you need the ministry of the Church, we are here to give it." I feel that the bells are one of the most powerful influences against the materialism of the age.

'I look on the ringers in every place as a potential power and the Church needs that power. And the Guild has one great purpose—to link up the parishes in the family of the diocese. There is far too much isolation in the Church, too much parochialism; their Guild made ringers feel they were members of the diocese.'

Mr. Harold J. Poole replied and spoke of their pride in the Guild, which was only in an infant stage as a separate entity, but they had the benefit of a great foundation which was laid by the Midland Counties Association and by those who worked so hard for that Association. It was more or less a transfer from the old association to this Guild of the territory which covers this diocese. They were endeavouring to make sure that in every church where there was a ring of bells it should be represented by a ringing band, and they were getting along very well with that work. It resulted in a tying up of the different parts of the diocese into one whole whereby they could go forward from strength to strength.

They commenced last year with their annual festival, which coincided with the 21st anniversary of the diocese. He expressed thanks to the district officers and the general officers for all the work they were doing in the linking up of ringers in various districts. It was important that everything should be done to see that the enthusiasm for the Guild was increased and so give to the name of Leicester the lustre they would like to see. They felt that the Guild had been put on a very firm foundation and they would watch its progress; they depended on the assistance of the youngsters, for without them they could not function.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. A. E. Rowley (treasurer of the Guild). He welcomed the Revs. R. J. Fielder (St. Mark's, Leicester), E. E. Jones (Belgrave), F. W. Pratt (Birstall), A. M. Dutton (St. John the Divine, Leicester). Among their ringing friends were Mr. Fred Milner, of Southwell Minster, Mr. George Morris (Lyme Regis), Mr. Haro'd May and Mr Mark White (Guildford). They were also pleased to see with them the ladies—to keep them in order.

The Rev. Fielder, in acknowledging the toast, said one of his best friends in the Diocese of Leicester was Mr. Ernest Morris. He happened to know that he rang a bell occasionally, but he knew him better as a verger of distinction. He and their president had both interested him in bells. His church (St. Mark's) had a beautiful ring of eight bells that had not been rung for the last 25 years.

'We are all very grateful for the privilege of coming and sharing in this festival organised by the Diocesan Guild. I should like to add my hope that the Guild will go on from strength to strength and that the objective that the president has—of bells in every tower in the diocese—will be achieved.'

NATIONALISED.

'The Ringing World' was honoured on the call of Mr. J. P. Fidler. For many years, he said, they had been talking about nationalisation of coal mines and referred to it as a rather expensive luxury, but nobody, as far as their Press was concerned, had referred to the nationalisation of 'The Ringing World.' It had been nationalised and it was owned by the ringers through the Central Council. 'The Ringing World' was bought from the executors of the founder, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and it was he who laid it on a firm foundation. Mr. White was carrying on to the best of his ability to produce what they wanted. 'The Ringing World' did bind ringers together in one big family.

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply mentioned the increase in paper that would permit of another 200 subscribers and urged those desirous of procuring copies to communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, the White House, Caister, without delay.

In the realm of peal ringing the news was equally encouraging. Last year a record number of peals was rung and this year up to the end of August there was an increase on the corresponding eight months of 431. Last November royal felicitations were conveyed to Princess Elizabeth in a remarkable fashion. There were more peals rung in honour of her wedding than for any other royal occasion. It was their sincere hope that next month there would be similar national rejoicings for the royal baby, and the ringers would have the privilege of expressing the gratitude of the nation in that essentially English way.

The speeches concluded with a touch of Stedman Caters rung by Jill Poole, H. J. Poole, G. S. Morris, E. Morris and J. Morris. A speciality of the Leicester Guild is 'the rise and fall' on handbells rung by H. J. Poole, Jill Poole, G. E. Morris, E. Morris and H. G. Wayne. The Beltonian handbell ringers were in great form under their leader, Mr. Sidney Harrison, and received a great reception. Others contributing to an excellent programme were Miss Jacqueline Jackson (songs), Mr. George Bromley (comedian) and Mr. W. Salt (monologue). Later there was a touch of Stedman Cinques by R. F. Elkington 1-2, Jill Poole 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, H. J. Poole 7-8, A. Ballard 9-10, and E. Morris 11-12. Mr. E. Charles Turner was an entertaining compere and the evening concluded with dancing.

OBITUARY

MR. T. STREETER.

A service ringer at St. James', Shere, Surrey, for over 30 years, Mr. Thomas Streeter died suddenly in hospital on October 18th. Mr. Streeter, who was 83 years of age, was well known and well liked in the village and was also a sidesman at the church. He had been ringing regularly until a fortnight before his death. The funeral was on October 22nd at Shere Parish Church.

MRS. BERTHA BRUCE.

Mrs. Bertha Bruce, president of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, died on October 16th at her home, Littleworth Common, Farnham. She was the widow of the Rev. J. C. G. Bruce, Rector of Worplesdon, and during his incumbency rang regularly in that church and encouraged ringing. The funeral was at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on October 19th. Among those present were Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Miss W. A. Oliver (Ladies' Guild) and Miss K. Avenell (Worplesdon).

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ware 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, E. J. Taylor (first as cond.) 4, L. Parris 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples on Oct. 3rd, conducted by L. Parris.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Canterbury District

MR. BOTTRILL'S METHOD OF INSTRUCTION.

Dear Sir, — May I please sum up on the replies to my letter of September 10th. First, Dr. Hatcher. Hush! I have 'green fingers.' Thanks for the tips on horticultural terminology. I may be an inefficient milestone inspector as well as a rotten gardener, but think, London Bridge to Deal, 78 miles. All in Kent. Three dioceses. A darned long way. I know because I often pushbiked it to see a golden-haired lady with whom I was and still am, after forty years, very much in love. Far too big for one association. I favour diocesan guilds. They are closer to the Church and generally more compact. My prejudice is strengthened by my knowledge of the Midland Counties Association experiment. Again, Deal to Faversham, 28 miles. Birchington to Dover a similar distance. Fifty-one towers. North never meets South or East West. None but the very enthusiastic will travel so far. Sufficient for a separate guild of two districts. With eight meetings a year it would take six years even if taken in rotation, which they are not, to visit each tower. The surest way to lose a tower is never to hold a meeting there. The smaller unit within limits does make for progress.

Mr. Gray's letter is very helpful and instructive. I have been trying to do something similar here for 18 months, but have met with apathy and hostility, hence my first letter.

Mr. Turner, a friend of mine whom I greatly respect, has done more than anyone I know for the Canterbury District. But 'Abuse' and hints of 'Reprisals.' It is not worthy of you. Unfortunately that is the very attitude to progress in the district I so much deplore. I know criticism hurts. It is intended to hurt. Old Rip Van Winkle is so fast asleep only a hefty kick will wake him. The criticism is nevertheless true.

I have received several other letters privately; none disagree with me.

Now to get back to the discussion. The avowed aim of our Association is as shown in 1, 2 and 3 of my first letter. By the success or failure in these matters one is entitled to judge them. In my view the aim should be to establish as many as possible local companies who can at least ring the standard methods reasonably well, attention always being paid to striking. This might be done either by the Association choosing suitable volunteers who can ring to assist struggling towers, or/and endeavouring to establish two or three active ringing centres for practice at which eight or ten decent ringers should always be present. This would soon attract the more enthusiastic of the learners, who should be given every opportunity. Efficient instructors would be made in this way.

As to actual instruction methods. There is in this area a widespread system of teaching by memorising the bell numbers to be followed. This is thoroughly bad because a pupil never acquires 'Ropesight.' I will quote from the new edition of 'Grandsire': 'Instead of the teacher trying at the beginning to make his pupil just capable of taking part in some simple method, hoping that time and practice will make up deficiencies and remove defects, he should concentrate from the first on those things which are essential to the ringer's art. He should try not so much to teach his pupil Grandsire or Plain Bob or Treble Bob as to make him an efficient and accomplished ringer. Now to be an accomplished ringer a man must possess three qualifications. He must be able to handle his bell so that he has full control of it. He must possess a sense of rhythm so that he can strike his bell in a way which will satisfy the most sensitive and critical ear. And he must be able to find his way unerringly along any path which a method may set before him. These things the complete ringer must possess and the essential part of all of them must be learnt in the preliminary stages of his training.'

That is sound advice. How to achieve it? First bell control can only be properly taught by one who can handle a bell himself. An admirable booklet, 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' is issued by the Central Council, price 4d. The author was one of the finest handlers the Exercise has known and such a book should not be treated with contempt by any associations officer, as recently at a meeting here. I can still read it with profit. Next ring rounds, paying attention all the time to rhythm. Next, set dodging 13254768 or 21436587 from rounds, ringing the same two changes over and over again. Others will suggest themselves. Next, plain hunt 'Original' on four, then six, then eight bells. Next, 'Original' with bobs on six and eight, calling the treble to make bobs as well as the other bells. Then Treble Bob hunt, learning to dodge at each place. Don't bother about the truth of these changes—in Treble Bob each change will be repeated.

Teach everyone to call bobs. When this can be rung tolerably well learn 'Stedman,' first Doubles, then Triples. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob will soon follow. Do not allow a man to stick to any one bell. Pay particular attention to 'leads' and do not memorise bell numbers. 'Avoid 'rules' except to hunt up. 'Follow the bell that followed you.' To hunt down use your 'course bell.' Count your places and listen to your own bell and the treble. Some 'rules' must be learned to ring Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, but accustom yourself to ring to the position of the treble.

No good Surprise ringer rings by rules, he knows where to strike his bell in each row and listens to the treble. In this way any young ringer of average intelligence should ring the standard methods tolerably well in 12 months with one practice a week and regular Sunday ringing. Ring only on Sunday that which you can ring well. Teach a little theory from the start. The meaning of 'pairs and places.' How to prick changes by the leads, lead ends, course ends and bob changes. Construction of methods. The simple principle of 'positive and negative rows.' I started to ring with 12 others, all learners under 21, under the late William Willson, of Leicester. Every one rang a peal within 15 months with no other help. All could conduct a quarter-peal. It can be done.

When the local companies are formed the Association should endeavour to see they are on a proper basis. A card, 'Model Rules for a Local Company of Ringers,' was, I believe, at one time issued by the Central Council. The clergy should be encouraged to take an interest in the ringers and the ringers to attend service. Each company should hold an annual meeting, at which the incumbent should be asked to preside, to elect a captain—as distinct from towerkeeper, secretary, etc. When elected the captain should have the loyal support of all the members. All the members should have a say in all tower matters. It is not good for any one man, be he a good ringer or no, to establish himself perpetually as captain. I will not join any such 'one man tower.'

I may say I am ready to teach at any reasonable distance from my home at my own expense, provided those to be taught are willing to learn in my way and do not object to correction.

W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—I am sorry the weight of Southwark was incorrect. I quoted from weights given in 'The Ringing World' of October 17th, 1930, and, as far as I know, uncorrected.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

The Somerset Tour

Dear Sir,—The recent tour in Somerset is probably associated, in the minds of those who have read the details of it, with heavy rings (e.g., your heading 'A Paradise for Tenor Men' in the issue of October 8th). This is, of course, true; in fact, a well-known ringer, whose opinions I value very highly, summarised the results by saying that 'never was so much bell metal swung by so few in so short a time.'

My purpose in writing is to shift the emphasis from the back end to the front-end men, as I think there is a risk that their part in what we all felt was a memorable week may be overlooked. The plans for the tour were subject to a certain amount of criticism on the grounds that we were taking on too much, and this criticism might well have proved to be well founded had it not been for the adoption of a deliberate policy of rather slow ringing.

Most back-end ringers will know the feeling that one is usually expected in a peal to ring a heavy tenor at a higher *relative* speed than a light one (i.e., that the heavy tenor should be rung further below the balance point than the light one). This expectation is all the more deep-rooted because it is largely an unconscious and automatic feeling on the part of the band, and it means, in practice, that the speed of the peal is dictated by the average of the individual wishes of the band.

Had we adopted this procedure in Somerset, the quality of the ringing would soon have suffered, as the relative speed imposed on the tenor ringers of these over-tenored Somerset rings would have been too high to maintain with accuracy for a whole week's peal ringing. We, therefore, decided that each tenor ringer should choose his own pace and that the rest of the band should conform to this unreservedly; and, apart from Wrington, where the idea was not put into practice, this policy paid good dividends. A considerable burden was thus thrown on the front-end men, and the fact that it was sustained by them for a week, without the ringing becoming ragged, was an indisputable factor in the success of the tour.

The late J. A. Trollope often used to write of the difficulty of producing good slow ringing, and I am sure that our front-enders will confirm his views.

Needless to say, this method would be very tedious on poor rings of bells, but the magnificent rings which we found in Somerset did not, in our opinion, produce 'thin' music through being rung somewhat slowly.—Yours faithfully,

J. C. E. SIMPSON.

29, Holland Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.

A WEIGHTY SUBJECT

Dear Sir,—It is grand to know that you have a more plentiful supply of paper and that we need not feel guilty of taking up your space. I have been greatly interested in reading the letters on the weights of various tenors, and also the collective weights of the full peal.

As this is an age of statistics and records, may I suggest that notice be taken of the individual weight of each ringer and also the total weight of the band taking part in the peal. We should then be able to read that a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at —— in 3 hours 42 minutes. Weight of tenor 47 cwt. Collective weight of peal 181½ cwt.

Collective weight of ringers 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. Proportionate weight of bells over ringers as 14 to 1. (Another band might ring the same peal at 13 to 1.) I am sure this would add great interest to the comparisons. We already have the ages given of 'Bright youth and snow crowned age, young men and maidens meek,' and if there should be any sensitive ladies who would fear to be dubbed 'Two ton Tessies,' they could be given as over twelve stone. Hoping the idea will be taken up by someone more notorious.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER WHITE.

Cotgrave, Nottingham.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

MEETING AT OKEHAMPTON.

The Exeter Branch held its recent meeting at Okehampton in mid-Devon. Support was strong from the N.W. and S.W. Branches.

The service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Compton), was well attended and the ringers given a hearty welcome, no meeting of the Guild having been held in the town for 40 years. Just 80 ringers and friends had tea at the Central Hotel, and at the meeting following, with Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman), the local band was unanimously elected as associate members. Mr. F. C. Smale, Guild general hon. secretary, a local resident, expressed his delight at proposing the admission of the band. It was agreed that an annual meeting of the Guild shall be held at Okehampton.

Mr. E. W. Biffin ably filled the office of Ringing Master and Mr. E. J. Ryall that of hon. secretary. Heavitree, Exeter, was chosen as place of the annual meeting on Dec. 11th.

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Woodley on their diamond wedding were voiced at the quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch on October 2nd. Now in his 81st year, Mr. Woodley began ringing when he was 10 and has been a member of the Guild for 51 years. He was captain of the Calverleigh band for over 16 years and retired from the position of sexton last year, a post he had held for 50 years.

Good wishes to Mr. Woodley were voiced by the chairman, Mr. E. J. Taylor, supported by the Guild president (the Rev. E. V. Cox), Mr. A. W. Searle and Mr. C. J. Lilley.

The annual branch meeting was fixed for January 8th at Silverton, and the Guild annual meeting will be held at Tiverton at Whitsun.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT LEWANNICK.

The Launceston Branch meeting on October 16th at Lewannick was well attended. Those present included Miss E. Symons (president), Mr. W. H. Southeard (Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary), the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-president), Mr. H. J. Clark (S.E. Branch secretary) and some 70 members. A welcome newcomer was Mr. Charles Sharples from Lancashire. The ringing was of a surprisingly high standard and showed that remarkable progress has been made and that method ringing is spreading: one responsible for this is Mr. Fred Sangwin, and his Marhamchurch 'boys' are evidence of his gifts as a teacher.

It is true to say that no bad ringing was heard, and this ranged at Lewannick (6) from rounds and call changes to Doubles and Minor. The new and enthusiastic district secretary, Mr. W. F. Moss, had made ample ringing arrangements; the splendid eights at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's, Launceston, and Altarnun, and the sixes at St. Thomas', Launceston, and Lezant were open, so those who did the round got in six towers.

The Vicar, the Rev. L. G. H. Farley, conducted the service and gave a hearty welcome to the branch to come again. Tea was served and the abundance was so great that as the members were leaving after the usual votes of thanks the Vicar made a special announcement that supper would be served later to all who came back. Such hospitality could not be refused.

Mr. W. H. Southeard made one of his characteristic little speeches and said he had noticed that at the service many sang the psalm and the hymns without a book: that was how they should try to advance and progress in method ringing: all they had to do was to learn something simple and close the book. Certainly the call-change cards are being put away in North Cornwall. The Launceston Branch is both strong and progressive, and the area has a grand lot of bells.

A.S.R.

Chester Diocesan Guild

WIRRAL BRANCH.

The favourable weather attracted a gathering of 54 members and friends to the monthly meeting, held at St. Oswald's, Bidston, on October 16th. Of those present, only four came from outside the branch, evidence of local enthusiasm.

Bidston Church and its immediate environment appear to have been untouched by the passage of time and have maintained their old-world charm in spite of their proximity to industrial areas. Since last visited the blitzed east window has been replaced by a magnificent stained glass window depicting the Ascension.

Although indisposed, the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. O. Thomas, courageously conducted the service, and, on behalf of his own enthusiastic ringers, extended a hearty welcome. Following the service the company sat down to an excellent tea served in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting six new ringing members were elected. Two young ringers were complimented on ringing their first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. The meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicar and the Bidston ringers, reference being made to the sacrifice these 'teen-age' ringers had made in order to provide the excellent tea.

The light ring of six was kept going in a variety of methods, including London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob interspersed with frequent doses of Plain Bob, Bob Doubles and rounds for those on the bottom rungs of the ringing ladder.

RANG TOGETHER FOR 60 YEARS

Presentations were made at the centenary celebrations of St. Paul's Church, Walkden, recently to two ringers for their outstanding services. A cigarette case and an automatic lighter were presented to Mr. John Potter, and a pipe, pouch and lighter to Mr. John Denner. Both have completed 60 years' active ringing at the church.

They were married in the same year, and, ringing side by side, they both mastered the art of conducting. Mr. Potter has taken part in 338 peals and has been captain of the Walkden ringers for 42 years. He is a life member of the Lancashire Association and has been on the committee for a number of years. In 1921 and 1922 he was elected vice-president.

At one time there were four Potter brothers ringing at St. Paul's, including John Potter, and his daughter, Miss Annie Potter, has been a member of the Walkden team since 1930.

Mr. Potter conducted two unusual peals, one of which is believed to be unique; he conducted the peal at Walkden rung by four fathers and four daughters, and also one at Manchester Cathedral, rung by five fathers and five daughters, both in 1932.

In addition, Mr. Potter has looked after the turret clock since it was installed in 1930.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

There was an attendance of 67 at the meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Finedon on October 9th. Canon R. E. Ford, who conducted the service, presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. E. Whitmore (Guild Ringing Master) and Mr. A. Bigley (hon. secretary).

Members stood in silence in memory of Mr. T. Abbott, former member of Finedon company, and sympathy was extended to Mr. J. C. Shatford (Wellingborough) in his illness.

Miss M. Mabbutt (Mears Ashby), Mr. C. W. Partridge (Wilby) and Mr. C. Underwood (Higham Ferrers) were congratulated for ringing a peal recently.

Mr. W. G. Callis (Mears Ashby), the Ringing Master, moved a vote of thanks to Canon R. E. Ford and to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success. Mr. J. R. Main seconded.

OUTINGS

ISLEWORTH.

A comparatively unhurried tour covering 117 miles and nine towers containing rings of 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12 bells in Hampshire and Berkshire was accomplished successfully by the All Saints', Isleworth, ringers and friends on Oct. 2nd.

The first stop was the 'famous' or 'infamous' nine-bell tower at Basingstoke. Here, in addition to eight-bell ringing, one course of Caters was rung on the nine, and first impressions were that a peal on them would not be pleasant. St. Michael's eight were then enjoyed by all. Kingsclere with its heavy ring of six was the next tower and was followed immediately by a good lunch in the village.

After a ride through the pleasant surroundings of Highclere Park, the light eight at Highclere Church were rung. Next came the grand ten at Newbury for Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, which was not completed owing to pressure of time. After a good tea in Newbury, Thatcham and Bucklebury eights were sampled and enjoyed.

The finest eight of the day—the sonorous-toned 28 cwt. ring at St. Mary's, Reading—were used to advantage on Stedman, Plain Bob and a good course of Cambridge Major. Finally, as a result of the good offices of Mr. Foster, the party were given the privilege of ringing the twelve at St. Laurence's for the first time following extensive bomb damage repairs. Here several people rang Maximus for the first time and found that they could manage three leads of Kent Treble Bob in a style comparable with many experienced twelve-bell ringers.

H.W.R.

KILBURN.

St. Augustine's Guild of Ringers, together with friends from Ealing and Willesden, left Kilburn in thick autumnal mist on the morning of October 9th. The party was bound for Isham, but three towers were visited before this destination was reached.

At Woburn the bells were rung while non-ringers admired the harvest decorations in the church and the splendid view from the tower. Earls Barton was the next call, followed by an all too short visit to All Hallows', Wellingborough.

Then on to Isham, where kind folk welcomed the party and hastened to prepare tea, which was served after good use had been made of the delightful ring of six bells.

Besides the pleasure of ringing at these places there was the added delight of seeing the historic features, including the Saxon tower at Earls Barton and the beauties of Wellingborough.

On the return journey the towers at Olney and Newport Pagnell were visited. Here local ringers awaited belated visitors with great patience and forbearance. The kindness and consideration of local ringers made the outing a great success.

R.M.D.

TEWKESBURY.

North Wiltshire was the area chosen by the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for their annual outing on September 18th.

The first stop was made at St. Paul's, Chippenham. Unfortunately the time allocated for ringing on this nice eight had to be curtailed owing to a wedding having been put forward an hour. At Melksham ringing had to cease very much on time owing to a wedding.

After enjoying the hospitality of the Melksham tower the party went on to Devizes, where, after an excellent lunch at the Castle Hotel, good use was made of the three towers available at Devizes and Southbroom. At 5.30 p.m. the party refreshed themselves with another first-class meal at the Castle Hotel, after which a start was made in the homeward direction. The last tower of the day, Tetbury, was reached at 7.30 p.m., where full use was made of the very fine eight.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss B. Harris 2, Mrs. E. Davis 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Miss K. Branson 5, Mrs. C. Matthews 6, Miss D. Lidbetter (cond.) 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8. First in the method by 1 and 5.

ABERGELE, FLINTSHIRE. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hughes 1, Miss K. M. Ruffell (Kingston-on-Thames) 2, L. G. Pitman 3, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 4, J. R. Wilson (Orpington) 5, V. Child 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Watson 1, J. A. Walton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 4, H. Bray 5, J. Daniels 6, A. Bodycote 7, A. Weston 8. First quarter 5 and 8. First in method 6. First quarter on bells.

BOLTON, LANCS. — On Oct. 3rd, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elsie Leyland 1, W. Aaron 2, J. W. Kay 3, A. E. Sandiford 4, T. Bratby 5, E. Iddon (cond.) 6, P. Crook, sen. 7, G. Oliver 8. In memoriam Ald. Russell, former Mayor.

BOSTON, LINCS. — On Oct. 10th at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, S. Jessop (first as cond.) 3, R. Brown 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Petch 7, B. Jackson 8.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Judd 1, E. Sutton (first quarter) 2, G. Martin 3, E. Gosling (cond.) 4, E. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, T. Holmes 7, H. Baldwin 8.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 9th, 1,280 Bob Major: W. C. Hart 1, M. Thomas 2, F. Howe 3, A. W. Bond 4, A. Gravett (cond.) 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. Hargreaves 8. First 'inside' by 7 and 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss B. Philpott 1, J. Walter 2, Miss M. Brockman 3, D. Chatfield 4, F. R. Weller (composer) 5, S. Walter 6, J. W. Unwin 7, C. E. Buesden 8, T. Holmes 9, B. J. Luck (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 9.

DEPTFORD, KENT. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. F. Crowder 1, F. W. Richardson 2, T. A. Easterby 3, W. H. Daynes 4, J. E. Warner 5, A. F. Bennington 6, G. H. Daynes (cond.) 7, F. Stevens 8.

DESFORD, LEICS.—At the Church of St. Martin on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. M. Goulton (first quarter) 1, J. A. Walton 2, Miss E. Faulknall (cond.) 3, H. Hollis 4, J. W. Bennett 5, G. W. Dale 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, G. Winter 2, P. Hunt 3, E. J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA. — At St. Catherine's on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Edwards 1, R. Dunn 2, W. Thomas 3, W. Brown 4, C. Petitt 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, R. Dobbins 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At St. John's Church on Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Bannister (cond.) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, F. Blondell 3, B. Twinn 4, R. Reed 5, F. Corke 6, W. H. Coles 7, H. Impey 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. B. Webb 1, F. Hayle 2, A. F. Sedgwick 3, D. Beresford 4, Joan Beresford 5, A. Botterill 6, A. A. Rackham 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver (first of Caters as cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10.

NETHERSEAL, LEICS. — On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. W. J. Beale (first quarter) 1, W. H. Curson 2, F. Sharp 3, W. F. Woodward 4, W. G. Hair (cond.) 5, H. Hillman 6.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 3rd 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fletcher 1, O. Pearson 2, E. Fletcher 3, H. Wood 4, B. Grice 5, F. Meadows 6, G. Swallow (cond.) 7, G. Fletcher 8. In memoriam Percy Hackett (aged 41), a local ringer and one time ringing master.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Ridgeway 1, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 2, F. C. Cose 3, W. Holland 4, W. Yates 5.

RANDWICK, SYDNEY, N.S.W. — At St. Jude's Church on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth E. Donnelly 1, Ian A. Napper 2, Ray B. Altass 3, John Duncan 4, R. S. Rowe (cond.) 5, W. M. Rowe 6. First of Minor for all the band and for the Association.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Cox 1, C. Marshall (cond.) 2, L. J. Willars 3, J. E. Clarke 4, H. Marshall (first quarter) 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, A. Patrick 7, R. Ridley 8.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cain 1, E. Young 2, W. Buckley 3, C. Templeton 4, J. Head 5, G. Chaplain 6, A. Rowley (cond.) 7, H. Hodson 8.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jackson 1, W. Schofield 2, F. Hodge (cond.) 3, F. Althorp 4, H. S. Axon 5, A. Roberts 6, V. Turner 7, A. Brownhill 8. For the wedding of Miss Joyce Fish to Mr. Roy Ferguson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. W. Darvill 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, W. J. Southam 3, H. Mason 4, F. J. Spicer 5, A. Dale 6, H. V. Frost 7, T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Bob Major: J. Norman (first quarter) 1, L. J. Willars 2, J. E. Clarke 3, E. J. Jelley 4, A. Bodycote 5, C. Marshall (cond.) 6, R. Ridley (first quarter) 7, A. Patrick 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. E. Harrison (first quarter) 1, D. Cattell 2, F. Cattell (first 'inside') 3, G. Cheshire 4, F. Bullock 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6, G. Hughes 7, C. Wenban 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Brian Martin (first quarter, 10½) 1, Dorothy Tomlinson 2, H. V. Rowley 3, Margaret Lambert 4, F. Hill 5, S. A. Martin (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON. — At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Faithfull (first quarter-peal) 1, D. C. Williams 2, R. Brown 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, F. White 5, M. Butler 6, O. N. Curtis 7, R. Faithfull 8. First quarter on the bells since restoration and rung by the local band.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Oakley (first quarter) 1, E. Smith 2, D. J. Kiddle 3, C. F. Haines 4, R. E. Turner (cond.) 5, G. Smith 6.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Smith 1, B. H. Davies 2, J. L. Gwynne 3, D. J. Griffiths 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. Rees (first quarter) 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Winifred E. Chaplin 1, E. Elton 2, G. Peers, jun. 3, S. Chapman 4, H. J. Dakin 5, A. A. Rackham 6, G. Peers, sen. (cond.) 7, S. Dunkley 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. G. Kitchen 1, H. A. Hawthorne 2, G. C. Goodman 3, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Kitchen 5, H. G. Andrews 6.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 240 April Day, 420 Grandsire): L. Cadwell 1, Edith Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, O. Warren 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—On Oct. 4th, at the Minster, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, L. Lockyer 3, E. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, A. J. Butler 6, R. F. Price (cond.) 7, J. Redgwell 8. First quarter 4 and 5.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. J. Brunt 1, S. C. Thain 2, F. Garland 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, G. Latham 6. To celebrate 90th birthday of Mr. Hubert Scrivens.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. 4236

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m., St. Giles', Camberwell. Nomination of officers. 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 2, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Christ Church, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Service and dedication of bells 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All welcome.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4269

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice meeting at Halesworth (8), Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4264

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30.—J. W. Cotton. 4278

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Wrington, Oct. 31st, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.—H. W. Knight, Woolmers, Cleeve, near Bristol. 4260

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing, St. John de Sepulchre's, 2. Tea (1s. 9d. each) and meeting at Ber House, 4.15. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Secretary, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Oct. 30th. 4139

SALISBURY, ST. THOMAS'.—Rededication, Saturday, Nov. 6th, 3.30. Tea 4.30 for those notifying J. E. Figgures, 54, Wyndham Road, Salisbury, by Nov. 4th. Ringing afterwards. 4267

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield Branch).—Joint meeting, Bolsover, Nov. 6th. Names for tea before Nov. 2nd to A. B. Cooper, Rectory Lane, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. No name no tea. 4276

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.—The rededication of the bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4255

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd, please. This meeting was arranged for Bishop's Stortford, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, Sawbridgeworth had to be made second choice.—G. Blake, District Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4261

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Woodman Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Nov. 1st. 4251

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at the Vicarage.—P. Gilbert. 4300

HEREFORD GUILD. — Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting at Condover, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Teas Nov. 3rd to W. Lloyd, Cross Houses, Betton, Shrewsbury. 4297

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea 4.45. Reports available.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4296

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Oadby (6), Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, to W. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 4308

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Whitwick (8). Nov. 6th. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in school. Names to Mr. R. Beniston, 4, North Street, Whitwick, by Nov. 2nd.—C. W. Hall. 4292

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clitheroe, Nov. 6th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4311

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fishtoft, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Nov. 1st.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 4303

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Edenham (8 bells), Nov. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The Five Bells. Please notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. 4304

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 4301

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District). — Combined meeting. Staines, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nov. 6th, 3. Tea 5. Card by Tuesday previous to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, F. Finch, Secs. 4294

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Davenham (6), Nov. 6th, 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 1st. — Harry Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 4310

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Cossington (5), Nov. 6th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Rowlett, Main Street, Cossington, by Nov. 2nd.—H. Morton, District Sec. 4306

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Joint meeting, Hadleigh District and Ipswich District, at Bramford and Sproughton on Nov. 6th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5.30 at Bramford. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4302

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, East Grinstead (8), Nov. 6th, 3. Names for tea by Nov. 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4299

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4295

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Annual committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4283

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4284

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine (8), Nov. 6th. Tea to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4285

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, St. Wilfred's, Standish, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea in school (1s. 6d.). Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Nov. 3rd.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 4286

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Sawley, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Simpson, Turnberry, Draycott Road, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 3rd. All ringers very welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 4289

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Western District. Berkhampstead (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhampstead, by Wednesday, 10th.—W. Hughes. 4305

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meetings at 4.30. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 10th, to Miss E. Stewart, 30, Church Hill, Aldershot. 4282

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Will members who require tea please send names to Mr. M. B. Richardson, 2, Mansfield Crescent, Roker, Sunderland, not later than Nov. 9th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 4287

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Chilham, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, only to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4307

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (6), Nov. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Names to Mr. G. Dawson, Bicker, Boston, before Nov. 6th. 4230

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch. — Special meeting, Forncett St. Peter, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5 p.m. Names for tea by 8th to L. G. Tooke, Forncett.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 4312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Nov. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.15. Service 6. Names for tea before Monday, Nov. 8th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green, Standon, Ware, Herts. 4291

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Weedon, Nov. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Webb, 25, Queen's Park, Lower Weedon, Northants, by Saturday, Nov. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Sec. 4290

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Favoured with lovely weather, the North-East District meeting at Great Bromley on October 9th attracted 34 ringers from surrounding parishes. The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Ransom), was followed by tea in the schoolroom, served by local ringers and their ladies.

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MINOR METHODS TABLE

INSTRUCTORS and progressive ringers will find the Central Council's latest production, 'Four Way Table of Minor Methods,' by J. Segar, jun., an invaluable aid in the grouping of methods both for ease of learning and in the preparation of many method peals.

The table measures 18in. by 12in., and is printed on one side only. There are 16 columns and 36 lines, making 576 spaces in all. Of these, 147 are filled in with the numbers and names of Treble Bob, Delight and Surprise methods. Plain methods are not included.

It is accepted without question that the easiest way to learn a number of methods with the least practice is to ring those of the same group. To jump from Cambridge Surprise to London Surprise is not easy as they have nothing in common. To pass from Cambridge to other methods which have Cambridge work either above or below the treble is easier. These principles of similarity of grouping have not been observed in the Central Council Collection. Some day, perhaps, the collection may be published in accordance with a 'Four Way Table'—not necessarily Mr. Segar's. Until then, Mr. Segar's table will perform a useful function.

Incorporated into the table are all the 147 methods. It is possible to start at any particular point. For example, Cambridge will be found in a column with 10 other methods having the same work above the treble (Ipswich, Bourne, Surfleet, York, Durham, Beverley, Elston, Burnaby, Kirkstall and Burslem). Also Cambridge is in line with four other methods which have the same work below the treble. This makes a total of 14 other methods which are half learned before referring to the figures in the collection.

In the production of this table, Mr. Segar desires to associate the Ordsall (Retford) ringers. It was their request for guidance that caused him to plan the table, and what has been of benefit to Ordsall should be of value in other parts of the country. Comments on the table should be sent to Mr. J. Segar, jun., 71, London Road, Retford, Notts, and orders (price 4d. post free) to the Central Council's Librarian, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 9 lb.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	*Treble*	*CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	†HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	8
*JOHN G. NASH	3	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER...	9
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	JOHN W. WARD	10
TONY PRICE	5	JAMES BULLOCK	11
JOHN H. CRAMPION ...	6	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 4 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

WILFRED STEVENSON	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	7
ALAN A. POTTS	2	†GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	8
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	3	*ERNEST A. THORPE ...	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	10
ERIC J. GILBERT	5	JOHN WORTH	11
*J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS ...	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	2	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	8
PETER LAFLIN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	9
CYRIL VALENTINE	5	EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CULLOMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	6
ALFRED E. REEVES ...	2	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	7
ARTHUR H. REED	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS ...	8
RONALD W. HAYWARD ...	4	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	9
SYDNEY G. RICHES ...	5	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* 50th peal.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. in C.

FRED BENNETT ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM TATTERSALL ...	6
PETER WOODWARD ...	2	ALFRED ASHTON	7
MARK L. LOCKWOOD ...	3	*JAMES H. KIRBY	8
THOMAS W. DUFFIN ...	4	*JOHN E. KIRBY	9
MARY S. LINGARD, ...	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by L. W. G. MORRIS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*ALAN HOUGH ...	*Treble*	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON...	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	†EDWARD E. PICKERING	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method on the bells. Rung to mark the coming-of-age of Miss Barbara Moreton, daughter of the 2nd ringer. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	HAROLD KENT	5
*MRS. E. S. POWELL ...	2	*PETER E. NORTH	6
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ...	3	*TOM CUTTS	7
ARTHUR B. COOPER ...	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*ALEC RICHARDSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
THOMAS E. SONE ...	2	PHILIP A. CORBY	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	4	WILLIAM ROGERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor and on the bells. Rung in honour of the homecoming of Mrs. Bennett, sister of the conductor, after an absence of 30 years in Canada.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 17, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*ALEC RICHARDSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
*THOMAS E. SONE	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM GREEN ...	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	5
MILTON C. FOWLER ...	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
*F. BERNARD DITCHER...	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
†J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	4	J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. † First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING	*Treble*	ALBERT E. WHITING ...	5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	4	LESLIE G. BRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

In memoriam T. W. Last.

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HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*S. R. WILSON ...	...*Treble*	§DENIS A. FRITH	5
†RICHARD G. CROSLAND...	2	‡L. B. WILSON	6
ERIC A. DENCH	3	BERNARD H. DALTON ...	7
‡RICHARD E. MANTON ...	4	‡JAMES H. MUSSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.
* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ First of Major. § First in the method. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

RICHARD KENDALL	...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
BETTY SPICE	2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ...	6
C. HENRY HARDING ...	3	ALFRED RUSHTON	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FRED BROWNLOW	...*Treble*	*JOHN ASHCROFT ...	5
*MISS MURIEL REAY ...	2	*ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	6
JAMES L. WRIGHT ...	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
JAMES BLACKBURN ...	4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*EDMUND J. DAVEY	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING ...	5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN...	2	*HORACE E. LILLEY ...	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	JOHN DEARLOVE	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	4	RAYMOND OVERY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT (C.C.C. 190).
Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ADAM DEAS	...*Treble*	JOHN ANDERSON	5
*MISS JOYCE P. GAYMER	2	*ERNEST WALLACE	6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	7
*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*BARBARA M. HARRIS	...*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ...	2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ...	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON...	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. WARRINGTON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	*EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	5
NORA HONEY	2	CHARLES COLES	6
EDWIN G. MOORE ...	3	*GEORGE F. BURTON ...	7
*JAMES W. BARBER ...	4	ALAN R. PINK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

WILLIAM H. SENIOR	...*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	5
HARRY DAVISON	2	GORDON BENFIELD ...	6
ALFRED SMITH	3	ERNEST B. BETTS	7
*MISS MOLLY AMBLER ...	4	FRED HODGSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method and first of Surprise away from the treble.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST SHORT ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST THORLEY	5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	2	*JAMES THORLEY	6
THOMAS D. LEASK ...	3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ...	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ...	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.
* 25th peal together.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	...*Treble*	CLAUDE TARR	5
*C. HENRY FLOYD ...	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER ...	6
REGINALD BEALE	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
JACK W. DREW	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. G. GIGG.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM H. JOINER	...*Treble*	ERNEST GOWER	5
C. ALFRED LEVETT ...	2	JOHN E. PENNELLS ...	6
SYDNEY C. DRIVER ...	3	JOHN A. DOWNING ...	7
SIDNEY G. SMITH	4	FREDK. A. DALLAWAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
Arranged for the golden wedding of the ringer of the treble.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON	...*Treble*	*JACK CLEGG	5
RONALD KENRICK ...	2	THOMAS HESKETH ...	6
*THOMAS HAMMOND ...	3	FRANK VARTY	7
*CHARLES CLEGG	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (66). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells and believed to be the second peal rung on the bells.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	6
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	...*Treble*	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ...	5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	6
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	7
MARGARET BEAMISH ...	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

RODERICK J. LEES	*Treble*	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MISS MARY HOWELL	*Treble*	HORACE E. LILLEY	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS	2	*JAMES H. LILLEY	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	KENNETH SNELLING	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	GEORGE W. CECIL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	2	HARRY PARKES	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. A. OLDFIELD. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RAUCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 extents of Plain Bob, 20 extents of Grandsire, three 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	*WALTER WESTON	3
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	ERIC A. DENCH	4
		*RICHARD E. MANTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.
* First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-ON-THE-WALL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*PAMELA WOOLLEY	*Treble*	†NORMAN PURNELL	4
*MARY I. KENNELLY	2	†IVOR H. TRUEMAN	5
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. The first peal of Minor and by a resident band for the Society. A 21st birthday compliment to E. Mary Bliss, secretary of the Society.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

L. EDGAR CHAPMAN	*Treble*	RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	NEVILLE MOYES	5
*BERT HUBBARD	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
* First peal 'inside' in two methods. First peal as a local band. A farewell to the Rev. A. E. Harris.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT	*Treble*	TOM J. MARRIOTT	4
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
WALTER G. SOAR	3	WILLIAM H. CURSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.
* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	FRED BLACKLIDGE	4
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	2	JOHN CHARNOCK	5
THOMAS BARKER	3	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
In memoriam Herbert Blacklidge, for many years conductor at this tower.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being a 720 each of (1) Double Bob; (2) College; (3) Double Court; (4) Single Oxford Bob; (5) Double Oxford Bob; (6) St. Clement's College Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE (13)	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
MISS K. BURCHNALL	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal. First peal in seven plain methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung in honour of Mr. J. T. Gasgoine completing 50 years as a ringer at the above church.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*BASIL THOMAS	*Treble*	HUBERT JONES	4
NOEL E. PHILLIPS	2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	5
JAMES HUGHES	3	ARTHUR C. NASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.
* First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. A. J. E. Neads and Miss Neads to the parish.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

IAN TOWNS	*Treble*	MISS JOAN WRIGHT	4
FRANK P. HARWOOD	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
DENIS FRITH	3	*ALBERT FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
DEREK SANDERSON	2	†STANLEY GILBERT	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	†FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal together. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SINGLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MRS. J. W. TODD	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN.	4
WILLIAM H. RATCLIFFE	2	*JOSEPH W. TODD	5
JOHN H. FOSTER	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal. A farewell to Mr. Charles Sharples.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ANDREW E. MOORE	*Treble*	GEORGE T. BUNNING	4
SIDNEY MARSHALL	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
ARTHUR G. WIGMORE	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.
* First peal in more than one method. First peal as conductor.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

Leslie H. Colcombe	*Treble*	Henry Johnson	4
Leslie D. Young	2	Allen Colcombe	5
Tracey H. Young ...	3	Victor G. Young... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tracey H. Young.
In memoriam Col. H. E. P. Pateshall, C.B., D.S.O.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*Thomas Clarke ...	*Treble*	Bertie O. Soden	4
*Sidney P. Peace	2	Eric Nobles	5
Reginald Finch	3	Charles H. Bushell ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First peal.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

*Harry C. Jones ...	*Treble*	*Edgar G. Swift	4
†Miss Doreen Coker...	2	Walter Lee	5
F. Donald Boreham...	3	Roland Biggs ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Biggs.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Cambridge.

KEEVIL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Leonard Cave ...	*Treble*	Fredk. S. Slatford ...	4
Harry Prout	2	Percival W. J. Harding	5
Stanley R. Cockell ...	3	William C. West ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William C. West.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford Single, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Miss Elizabeth Morton	*Treble*	Eric Hornby	4
A. Gordon Lawrence...	2	Harry Parker	5
Harry W. Howard ...	3	David Smith ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Parker.
First peal in seven methods by all except conductor. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SEDGEBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
At Aubyns,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Thomas Harris	1-2	Mrs. J. Thomas	5-6
John Thomas	3-4	Joseph D. Johnson ...	7-8

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

CRANWELL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE R.A.F., CRANWELL, SOCIETY AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 12, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,*
At St. George's Chapel, R.A.F., Cranwell,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

*A.C.2 R. G. Crosland...	1-2	†A.C.2 Eric A. Dench ...	3-4
		†A.C.2 Alan Rogers ...	5-6

Conducted by A.C.2 Eric A. Dench.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal on handbells by members of the R.A.F. and first by the R.A.F., Cranwell, Society. The conductor has now rung peals of Plain Bob on handbells on all even numbers from six to fourteen.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A hurried note written in the train states that the married couples' peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester was successful. The conductor, Mr. H. J. Poole, remarked that he had the easiest job of all, bar the tenor. The peal is undoubtedly a tribute to the discipline of married life!

Congratulations to our Australian friends on their first peal of Doubles in three methods.

The peal at Wakefield Cathedral recorded this week was an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Scott, one time captain of the local company.

Mr. W. H. Joiner rang the treble to his golden wedding peal at Hastings. For 22 years he was a member of the band at Mitcham Parish Church. He now lives in Hastings.

With the first peal by the R.A.F., Cranwell, Society, Mr. Eric A. Dench has rung peals of Plain Bob on handbells on all even numbers from six to 14.

North Bradley ringers are in the process of raising £300 to increase their six to eight. A donation is asked from visitors to the tower in the past, and this should be sent to P. Harding, 2, Myrtles, Church Lane, North Bradley, Wilts.

Eighty-one-year-old Mr. G. Thomson took part in a quarter-peal of Bob Major on Oct. 10th to mark his 60 years as a ringer at Hinckley, Leics. The band was F. Mellor 1, H. Knights 2, A. Jordon 3, G. Thomson 4, W. Aldridge 5, B. Ridgeway 6, A. Ballard 7, E. Vallance (first of Major as conductor) 8.

For 30 years Mr. A. T. Osborne has been captain of Norton-sub-Hamdon tower, Somerset, having learnt to ring in this tower at the age of eight. His 60th birthday was celebrated on October 13th by 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by A. Gillmar 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, W. Warr 3, A. T. Osborne 4, T. Osborne 5, E. Mirchington 6.

The high opinion we formed of the Lancashire Association's Instruction Book has been confirmed by correspondents. Mr. W. R. Hammons, Northampton, writes: To my mind, this book is the most compact book ever presented to the Exercise. It not only teaches the beginner how to ring elementary methods, but gives him every incentive to get on with higher methods. The elements of conducting will be greatly appreciated by the young conductor.

Mr. Philip J. Hitchens, of Penzance, has been a ringer for more than 60 years and, like 'Johnny Walker,' is still going strong.

Within the space of ten weeks Mr. Arthur V. Pearson and Mr. Arthur Pritchard completed Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Those interested in Grandsire Triples will find the composition of Mr. James Topp on page 477 worthy of consideration.

Congratulations to Mr. George Ledsham on his 100th peal, scored at Leeds Parish Church on October 23rd.

'Has the tenor at Arklow, Ireland, shrunk?' is an enquiry addressed to the Editor. It was reported as 15 cwt.; at one time it was given as about 22 cwt.

Ringers visiting Northern Ireland who wish to have a ring or peal attempt should communicate with Mr. John T. Dunwoody, 49, Victoria Road, Holywood, Co. Down.

The five bells of Buckerell Parish Church, Devon, have now been removed to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where two will be retuned and three recast, and an additional treble will be added as the parish war memorial.

The peal of Rutland Surprise at Rotherfield on October 16th was a birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Barnett, Miss Audrey Sone, Mr A. S. Richards and Messrs. Reginald and Robert Lambert.

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Worcestershire and Districts

ANNUAL DINNER.

That the event has lost none of its interest and popularity was evinced at Worcester on October 16th, when a party of 93 gathered at the Old Rectifying House for the 11th annual dinner of the Association. The Cathedral and All Saints' bells were available for ringing during the afternoon, although somewhat marred at the Cathedral by the breaking of the 5th rope.

The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., presided, and he was supported by the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. T. Keith-Murray (clerical vice-president), Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright, Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Holt. Among the visitors were Mr. F. Colclough (secretary, Dudley and District) and Mrs. Colclough, and Mr. L. G. W. Morris (secretary, Yorkshire Association).

Following the loyal toast, honoured on the call of the chairman, the toast, 'Church and State,' was proposed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright and responded to by the Dean; 'The Worcestershire Association,' proposed by Mr. J. R. Newman and response by Mr. C. Skidmore; 'Kindred Associations,' proposed by the Rev. H. Hartley, with Mr. Mr. L. G. W. Morris in reply. The underlying theme of all the speakers was the spirit of unity and good fellowship existing between ringers and fostered by such gatherings, and a feature of the speeches was the humour introduced into each.

For the musical side of the programme an appreciated innovation was introduced by Mr. B. C. Ashford and his handbells. Ably accompanied at the piano by Mr. Skelhorne (organist at Clent Parish Church), he 'tapped' from his extensive repertoire of popular songs, the audience joining in the choruses. Mr. G. J. Hemming (tenor) sang three songs in his usual inimitable manner, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung by Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. Thomas 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, P. Harris 7-8, Miss M. Rowland 9-10.

5,088 NEW LONDON COURT BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN.

F	O	I	H	23456
—	S	S		52364
		—	—	32465
	—	—	—	34562
	—			45362
	S		—	54236
	—			42536
	—			25436
	—	—		43256

Five times repeated, omitting the bob O in the third course in alternate parts.

Contains 6th extent in 5-6 at course ends with the tenors together throughout.

Rung at Hethersett, Norfolk, on August 27th, 1948.

This composition is also true to Reverse Bob Major with 6ths place bobs at the lead-ends.

HESSE ANNIVERSARY WEEK-END

Ringers assembled at Wrington on October 15th for two peal attempts to the memory of John Hesse, both being succesful and well-struck ringing. The first, on Friday, Stedman Triples, was at Wedmore, where Major Hesse learnt to ring, and on Saturday Stedman Caters at Wrington, where he lies buried.

The visitors made their headquarters at the Golden Lion, Wrington, the rendezvous of many ringing parties organised by Major Hesse. In the evening, Mrs. E. D. Marshall and Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse entertained the party at the Golden Lion, those present, in addition to the hosts, being Miss Doris Dobbie, Mrs. H. W. Knight, Capt. W. Hook and Messrs. Walter Dobbie, Clarence Dobbie, A. H. Pulling, E. J. Chivers, A. Reeves, S. O. Kingcott, W. H. Kingcott, J. T. Dyke, Stafford H. Green, E. J. Taylor, L. R. G. Taylor, H. W. Knight and E. G. Caple.



Left to right: C. H. Dobbie, W. H. Dobbie, E. J. Chivers, Alfred E. Reeves, Miss Doris G. Dobbie, J. T. Dyke, Mrs. Hesse, A. H. Pulling, E. J. Taylor, W. H. Kingcott, and H. W. Knight.

After an excellent repast, Mr. Knight thanked Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Hesse for their hospitality and also the visitisg ringers who had made the week-end possible. Mr. Pulling, in reply, said it was always a pleasure to ring a peal at Wrington, and he too thanked their hosts.

Capt. Hook recalled the reason for their presence that evening, saying that Major Hesse was a great person who had the spirit of the bells; bellringers were missionaries, and although he was not himself a ringer, the hours he had spent listening to Major Hesse had taught him much about methods, so that listening that afternoon he had no difficulty in recognising the method as Stedman. He had been accustomed to hearing bells all his life, and the only time he had disliked them was when he lived at Taunton, with the Church of St. Mary on one side of him and St. James' on the other.

A telegram was received from Mr. Rodney Hesse, regretting his inability to be present and wishing the peal ringers every success. Apologies for absence were also received from Preb. A. J. Hook, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. A. R. Macdonald. Handbell ringing rounded off the evening.

Some of the visitors remained over until the Sunday and joined in the ringing for morning service.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Maidstone on October 9th. Following afternoon ringing at All Saints', the company of over fifty adjourned to Herbert's Cafe for tea. A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells preceded business, over which Canon C. B. Sampson, Vicar of Maidstone, presided.

In his report for the year the secretary showed by an analysis of the membership figures, which incidentally had reached a new record figure of over 180, that whereas towers in union with the association averaged ten ringers per tower, other towers in the district were seriously under strength. The report then considered what it termed 'the district scene,' stressing the responsible position occupied by All Saints' among the group of thirty rural towers around it, mentioning the group activities of member towers through combined practices, and reviewing the more formal activities of the Association.

All the officers were re-elected, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher as district secretary, G. F. Cantrill and A. Waddington as district representatives.

The meeting then passed to a consideration of the programme of meetings for 1949 with two points for special discussion, first the idea of a summer ringing day by coach, it being decided to visit Surrey; second, the venue for the annual meeting, which is to be Maidstone again. Canon Simpson expressing the hope that on this occasion it might not be necessary to go to a cafe for tea.

At 6 p.m. the company reassembled in the beautiful choir of All Saints' for choral evensong, and finally returned to the belfry, where the ringing varied from rounds and Grandsire to Cambridge Royal and Maidstone Bob.

This most successful meeting took place in glorious weather, and we were delighted to extend good wishes to Canon Sampson on his birthday, to welcome among us Mr. C. T. Royle, Vicar's warden of All Saints', and to hear words of encouragement and wisdom from Mr. G. H. Spice, the Association's general secretary. E.S.J.H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

Glorious sunshine helped to make Lyme Regis an attractive centre for the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch on October 23rd, six towers of the branch being represented, with visitors from the Dorchester Branch and Wellington, and Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. Horace Dyer at the organ. Tea followed immediately in the Church Hall and at the business meeting afterwards it was agreed that the annual meeting of the branch should be held at Bridport on December 4th. Warm thanks were accorded the ladies, Mesdames Keeley, Morris and Powell, for the splendid tea served; also to the choir and organist for their assistance at the service. Before adjourning to the tower Mr. Stafford Green's much admired new set of handbells were brought into play in Caters and Triples.

The light ring of eight was well used during the afternoon and evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tenors and Slow Time Ringing

Dear Sir,—After writing my last letter, I saw Mr. Hibbert's letter in your issue of Oct. 22nd and should like to reply to it, as I may be one of the 'people who are continually ringing tenors, and always in slow time,' to whom he refers. So far as Mr. Hibbert's remarks apply to the Somerset tour, I would refer him to the above explanation of our peal times; and if he or anyone else is unconvinced, let him repeat our programme and improve on our times and striking, and I shall be the first to offer my congratulations.

But this a minor point. Of far more importance is Mr. Hibbert's impression that slow peal times mean that 'the bells are ringing the ringers.' Frankly, I think this is an extraordinary impression. Surely if 'the bell is ringing the ringer' it means that the ringer has not got the bell under full control, and with a heavy bell this state of affairs is produced by ringing it so much below the balance point (i.e., so fast) that the ringer is unable to place the bell properly. Some years ago I rang a tenor (30 cwt., and slow at back-stroke) in a peal of Cambridge Major. One or two of the band wanted to ring fast, and in my youthful inexperience and zeal I tried to fall in with their wishes. The result was a poor peal in 3.10. I should hate to claim that I rang that bell in the sense of placing it accurately—on the contrary, it definitely rang me, as I spent the last hour jumping a foot into the air at every cutting backstroke! Another example of the same thing is a peal of Treble Bob on a heavy eight where the tenor man let his bell 'float' instead of placing it. This caused the speed to increase, the 'floating' also increased, and the result was that we rang 'Treble Bob plus' in order to ring round him, and he rang more or less Albion Treble Bob, all in very fast time.

It is simply a question of human mechanics. No man can apply more than his own weight (unless he has the help of a foot-strap): and, of course, in ringing as in everything else, 'a good big 'un is better than a good little 'un.' (Here Mr. Hibbert has unquestionably the advantage of me; I weigh just 10 stone, and he must be 14 stone or so — unless he has changed since I last had the pleasure of ringing with him!) But fortunately for us lightweights, it is *foot*-pounds that count and not pounds only, so we get there in the end by applying a smaller force through a longer distance and therefore a longer time. Mr. Hibbert is absolutely right, of course, in his implication that A, by ringing a heavy bell in, say, 3½ hours, has worked at a higher *rate* than B who takes 4 hours; but I was taught that the art of heavy-bell ringing was to place the bell accurately with the expenditure of the right amount of energy and no more! However, if I ring a bell by using x foot-pounds per minute, and somebody else does it by using x plus y foot-pounds, I shall not dispute it if his is considered the better performance.

Incidentally, two of the finest tenor ringers I have met are both small men in the lightweight class, and they never sacrifice control for the sake of beating somebody else's time. So I hope Mr. Hibbert will not begrudge us little 'uns the extra minutes we use in endeavouring to employ our limited poundage as efficiently as possible. Now and then the results are passable. Yesterday, for instance, we rang Cambridge (like most peals, it could have been better, but was very fair on the whole) at Leeds in 4.12. The late W. Pye's band rang it in 4.11. Would Mr. Hibbert say that the bells rang the ringers in either case?—Yours faithfully, J. C. E. SIMPSON.

29, Holland Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.

CASTLE EATON, SWINDON. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wilton 1, B. Bladon 2, Miss B. M. Strange 3, D. Looker 4, J. E. Manners (cond.) 5, E. G. Adams (first quarter) 6.

The Speed of a Peal

SOME GOVERNING FACTORS.

Dear Sir,—I, too, was interested in Mr. Clift's letter re the Cambridge Royal at Wells Cathedral and also the weight of tenors in the West. Mr. Hibbert's remarks arising therefrom are also to the point and contain a great deal of truth.

When the details of the recent tour in Somerset appeared in your columns I was somewhat surprised at the very long time occupied over many of the peals—3 hours 57 minutes for a 31 cwt. tenor, for instance, and 3 hours 51 minutes for 28½ cwt.; I was even more surprised to gather from the account of that tour that subsequently appeared that the average time taken, 3 hours 41 minutes, was apparently regarded as a matter for compliment.

As Mr. Hibbert says, there is no disgrace in ringing peals in slow time; neither, in my opinion, is there anything of which to be proud, except in exceptional circumstances. It is obvious that if a heavy bell 'goes' normally and is allowed to swing right up to the balance at every stroke, then it can be rung with comparatively little effort. But if the tenor is thus rung, then all the other bells have to be rung 'round' it, held on the balance for an uncomfortably long time, with the result that it is much more difficult to obtain perfect striking. One of the secrets of good striking, even on light rings, is work on the part of the ringers, especially by the back-enders; if the tenors are allowed to dawdle along at their own pace the ringing is almost bound to become slipshod and irregular. If, for instance, you wish to obtain real rhythm in Stedman Cinques it is essential that the big bells be 'pushed along,' especially at hand-stroke, and at lead. Within reasonable limits I have no hesitation in saying 'the quicker the ringing the better the striking is likely to be, and the more pleasant the bells will sound.'

Exceptional circumstances that justify slow ringing are: (a) Really unusual weight, as at Exeter and Wells; (b) unusual musical qualities in the bells (a few *do* sound better rung more slowly); (c) difficulties caused by faulty hanging, tower sway, loose frames, etc. But why attempt in such cases to turn in the tenor? If a peal must be attempted, and nowadays that is naturally the case, why not be content with an odd-bell method?

Very often, however, the cause of an unduly slow peal is to be found not in any of these circumstances, but in the presence in the band of one or two either not really familiar with the method or not entirely masters of their instrument, i.e., not fully in control of their bells. Sometimes this could be corrected by proper placing of the band: all too frequently 'first peals' are prematurely encouraged. The slower the ringing the easier it is for the conductor to put the bells right!—Yours faithfully, FRANK E. HAYNES.

Smethwick, Staffs.

PEALS AT ESSENDON

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal rung at Essendon on October 9th, I would like to point out to the band that it was not the first peal on the bells, as a peal of Plain Bob Minor was accomplished at this tower on Saturday, August 22nd, 1925, in 2 hours and 40 minutes, by the following band: Francis Kirk treble, Ernest Hunt 2, John Malyon 3, Charles Jeffs 4, William Nash 5, John T. Kentish tenor. The peal was conducted by John Malyon. A footnote to the 1925 peal stated that it was believed to be the first on the bells, and as far as I am aware has never been disputed.

St. Albans. FRANCIS KIRK.

Dear Sir, — There have been two previous peals at Essendon, viz., one conducted by the late H. G. Rowe and one of Plain Bob Minor, in which I took part, on Aug. 22nd, 1925, conducted by the late J. Malyan. W. NASH.

North Mymms, Herts.

Henry Bunn

Dear Sir,—I came across an old newspaper cutting recently which reads as follows:—

'Liberal Reward.—Whereas Harry Bunn, a native of England, and by trade a peal-bell ringer employed in regulating the chimes of most of our church bells, more especially those of Hillsborough, Co. Down, and of St. Werburgh's, Dublin, has not of late been heard of, I, having found him pre-eminently clever in the above department, do hereby offer £5 to the first person to give me such information as shall lead to his recovery.—Wm. E. Reilly, Hillsborough.' 'Dublin Evening Mail,' March 21st, 1827.

I have not come across any evidence which would say whether Bunn was ever found, nor can I find anything to show whether he worked on his own account or for one of the bell-founders.

I would be glad, therefore, to know if any of your readers, including the bell founders, can give any information about this gentleman, not that they will receive the £5 reward! but as a matter of interest and to complete my records on the subject. It would be interesting to know if he was a bellringer or whether he was a bellhanger only.

For the interest of readers, the eight bells of Hillsborough Church were installed in the year 1773 and are at present being restored by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. St. Werburgh's Church, Dublin, had a ring of six bells erected about 1748. The tower was demolished in 1854 and the six bells lay in the church porch until the following year, when the Select Vestry decided to dispose of them. Four of them were distributed to four city churches. One was sold to an old Dublin bell-founder and the remaining one retained by the parish. FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

SIXTY YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—In connection with the outing in South Wales of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, your readers might be interested to know that among the ringers in the fine touch of Stedman Caters which opened our ringing at Abergavenny on the newly-augmented ten was Mr. Gilbert Pearce, who is the only surviving member of the band which rang there some 60 years ago when the original eight was opened.—Yours faithfully, P. T. ROBBINS.

Cambridge.

A NEW METHOD OF RINGING!

Dear Sir,—The following appears from 'Introduction to Geology,' by C. T. Gardiner, M.A., F.G.S. (1914), under 'Sea Encroachment':—

'The last burial in Kilnsea Church was that of a shipwrecked negro in 1823: after this the church services were stopped. The tower fell in two portions, the first in 1826, the second in 1831. A room in the remainder of the village was devoted to divine service, the church bell was hung on a beam and made to sound by throwing stones at it.'

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Sawston on October 2nd, members and friends being present from Cambridge, Chippenham, Exning, Fulbourn, Harston, Little Shelford, Over, Sawston, Stapleford, Todmorden, Trumpington and Woodditton.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Bircham). An excellent tea was served by members of the local band.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. Apology for absence was received from the president, the Rev. P. Chamier. The Rev. R. Bircham and Mr. L. Matthews, of Sawston, were elected members. The next meeting will be at Ickleton on November 13th. H.L.M.

Oxford University Society

A NEW MASTER.

At the opening meeting of the Society in Magdalen on October 12th, 35 members and potential members were present. The Master, in his report on the Trinity Term, stressed the desirability for learners to start ringing at the beginning of the academic year. Mr. Semmens read a report on the week's holiday at Honeybourne V.A. Camp, and terrifying extracts were read from R. A. Rankine's paper on 'A campanological problem in group theory,' of which Mr. D. G. Kendal had sent the Master a copy.

Some elections followed. Mr. Dickinson said that he wished to resign from the office of Master, owing to pressure of work. Mr. P. W. B. Semmens, proposed by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Miss Higgins, was unanimously elected Master in his place. Mr. Gallop was then elected to fill the post of male secretary. The post of treasurer was also vacant, and Mr. Barrow was elected. He agreed to continue in his former capacity of steeplekeeper.

The matter of donations to various towers having claims on the Society's gratitude was much discussed. It was decided to refer the decision on the exact amounts to be given to the Society's officers. The new Master gave details about the proposed North Devon tour in Easter, 1949, and it was decided that the opening date for the week should be Tuesday, April 19th (old members, please note). It was also agreed that a 'social' should be held later in the term, and a special committee was appointed to fix the date and make the arrangements. The Master gave a short introductory talk for the benefit of learners and outlined some of the term's plans.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Nearly 40 members and friends attended the fourth annual meeting of the Society, held in London on October 16th. Ringing at St. Mary Abbot's included Stedman Caters, and the Vicar (Prebendary S. A. M. Eley) conducted a short service and gave an inspiring address.

Mr. P. M. J. Gray presided at the business meeting. The Master (Mr. V. J. Benning) gave a very comprehensive report of the Society's activities during the year ending August 31st. Despite the difficulties of not having a central tower in London for regular practices, with the facilities provided by Mr. E. J. Rowe at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, and the splendid support and co-operation of the members, a very great deal had been accomplished. There was a further increase in membership and a small one in the balance in hand.

Officers elected for the year 1948-49 were: President, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson; Master, Mr. D. N. Layton; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. J. Mattinson; committee, Mr. V. J. Benning, Major A. H. Janes, Miss E. R. Yeld; auditor, Mr. G. F. Carter. It was decided to hold another dinner and ringing day in London on February 26th, 1949.

Further ringing, ranging to London Surprise Major, was enjoyed at Lambeth in the evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE.

October 23rd was a memorable night at Fordington St. George, Dorset, when five ringers scored their first quarter. It was the first quarter by the post-war band. The last is lost in antiquity. Ringers were E. E. Coombs 1, J. B. Whalley 2, C. A. E. Treasure 3, Miss B. J. Dyke 4, H. R. Pink (capt. and cond.) 5, K. W. Hewitt 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

On October 24th, another quarter was rung half-muffled in memory of the men of H.M.S. 'Illustrious,' who lost their lives in Portland Harbour the previous Sunday.

Though the bells go 'hard,' the next target is a home produced peal—the last peal in the tower was in 1935 by a visiting band.

OUTING

OVER, CAMBS.

The Lincolnshire outing of the ringers of St. Mary's, Over, Cambs, on October 18th, began in the bright sunshine of an autumn day, with a pleasant nip in the air. After a short stop at Market Deeping for a cup of tea, we reached Spalding at 9.15, and Mr. Farr introduced us to the fine ring of eight. While the ringers enjoyed courses of Cambridge and London and attempted Plain Bob and Double Norwich, others admired the graceful spire with its beautiful canopied openings. The church has so many aisles that, from inside the south porch, you can see 23 arches.

At Surfleet we were met by Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Walter Ayre, whom we were glad to see recovering from his recent mishap. Cambridge and Double Norwich Major were successful, while rounds on 12 were found to be none too easy. Some of the band were interested to see the memorials to the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Rupert Richardson. After lunch at Sleaford, a perfectly struck course of Cambridge was rung; Mr. Walter Ayre, who rejoined us, then called touches of Plain Bob and London. This is a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 19¼ cwt.).

At Heckington, Cambridge was surprisingly unsuccessful, but Double Norwich and Plain Bob made up for previous lack of success.

After tea in Grantham, a well-deserved vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. H. Dunnington, whom we had to thank for organising the outing, in conjunction with Mr. W. Bavin. Mr. T. R. Dennis voiced the thanks of the visitors, ringers and non-ringers for a most enjoyable tour.

The climax of the day was when Messrs. Syd Proctor, Clement Glenn and the rest of the local band proved so hospitable on their practice night. The ten bells (tenor 31¼ cwt.) in St. Wulfram's Church are truly magnificent, and Grantham may indeed be proud of them. Taylors are to be heartily congratulated on their work. It was a thrilling experience which will not be forgotten by any of those who were present. A well-struck course of Cambridge opened the evening, after which Bob Major, three leads of Treble Ten, Stedman Triples (conducted by Mr. Glenn), and Caters were rung; the latter method required the help of the local band. A course of Superlative and the bells being rung down in peal, mainly by Lincolnshire ringers, rounded off a perfect day.

5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By JAMES TOPP.

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Four times repeated, S for B x in 10th part. Produces 234567.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The North-Western District meeting at Egham on September 25th was attended by 37 ringers. At the meeting, presided over by Mr. F. E. Collins, seven new members joined the Association. Some good practice was put in by the local ringers and everyone enjoyed their visit; the one regret was that no service was possible in this lovely church. R.L.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The Newbury Branch at their autumn meeting expressed regret at losing one of their members, Mr. G. Fowler, who had recently left the district.

He was a keen member of the branch and will be very much missed, especially at Beenham tower, where he was foreman and had been training a young band. All wish him good ringing in his new district.

BICESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A very good meeting was held at Islip (6) on October 16th, which was attended by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), Deputy Master (Capt. A. B. Poyntz) and 28 members and friends, and in the evening the eight at Kirtlington were in good demand.

At the business meeting Mr. F. Sharpe tendered his resignation, and after much discussion it was agreed that he would carry on until the annual general meeting, with Mr. C. H. Kinch as joint secretary.

JOINT MEETING WITH MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable gathering was the opinion of all at the joint meeting of the two associations, held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Oct. 2nd, and the 75 members and friends made full use of the occasion for ten-bell ringing, under the supervision of Mr. T. G. Bannister and Mr. T. J. Fowler. An excellent tea, presided over by the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman, was taken in the Church Hall, and special thanks were accorded to the ladies for providing such a bountiful meal. A warm welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Roderick, of Glamorgan, who were on holiday in the district.

Later in the evening a social, arranged by Mr. A. D. Barker, was a tremendous success, and the organisers are to be congratulated: certainly Oxford have great talent among their members in other things besides ringing.

The twenty questions caused great amusement. The Middlesex team are still wondering if Bill has gone off to his native Somerset in search of that 'missed bob.' Anyhow, a tie was a fitting result.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Despite transport difficulties, there was a good attendance at St. Andrew's, Middleton-in-the-Wolds, on October 9th, for the Society's monthly meeting. The six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) were raised in peal and kept going to standard methods. The service touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor was conducted by the president (Mr. G. F. Williams).

The Rector (the Rev. D. T. S. Evans) conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. G. S. Storer (Vicar of Hutton-Cranswick), tracing the history of church bells through the ages. Bells were first used, he said, in Campagnia, Italy, which had given the name campanology to ringing.

An attendance of over 40 members did ample justice to the sumptuous tea provided by local ringers. At the business meeting the president presided. The next monthly meeting was fixed for November 13th at Market Weighton, and the December meeting at Beverley St. Mary's. Three new members were elected. An omnibus vote of thanks to the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Storer, and the local ringers was moved by Mr. A. H. Fox and seconded by Mr. F. Dale.

The Rev. G. S. Storer read a letter from the hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association, enclosing a cheque for £5 for the Hutton-Cranswick Bell Fund, and expressing the hope that the contract to provide a ring of six with modern fittings and an Ellacombe chiming apparatus would soon be successfully completed. The announcement of the gift — the maximum permitted from the Bell Fund—was received with applause. Further ringing with special attention to backward members concluded an instructive and enjoyable meeting.

QUARTER PEALS

AMESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. T. Carter 1, C. W. Reed 2, H. Abrahams 3, L. Harris 4, P. Anger 5, F. L. Harris (first of Stedman as cond.) 6, R. N. Marlow 7, J Mussell 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. G. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. White (first 'inside') 3, F. A. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. C. White 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (cond.) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. McCluskey 1, H. Ashton 2, C. Toyne 3, F. A. Staveley 4, R. C. Westney (first of Stedman) 5, E. Baldwin 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. M. Thorley 8.

DOVER, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, E. T. Ellender 2, C. George 3, H. J. Saunders 4, E. J. Walker 5, W. Bottrill 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, F. Dennis (first quarter-peal) 8. For the wedding of Mr. C. George.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Sparrow 1, H. W. Barrett 2, T. Price (first quarter tower bell double-handed) 3-4, H. J. Eldred 5, R. E. Price 6, F. Blondell (cond.) 7, F. C. Price 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 9th, at St. Wulfram's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: Miss E. Johnson 1, H. Thorpe 2, A. Mackears 3, C. Glenn (cond.) 4, S. Proctor 5, W. Creasey 6, J. Cragg 7, H. Huxley 8, P. C. Reg Woods 9, T. Hall 10. First in method by 1, 8 and 9.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 10th, at All Saints' Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. G. Miles 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, H. M. Page 8, J. W. Stephenson 9, J. Allsop 10. A birthday compliment to W. S. Langdon and the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pegelly.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Richardson 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, D. T. Hills 3, Miss P. Smee (first of Stedman) 4, G. Wiggins 5, A. L. Pearson 6, E. A. G. Allen 7, E. D. Sills 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Wood (first of Triples) 1, L. T. Pope (first of Triples 'inside') 2, J. O. Santer 3, S. G. Waters 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, W. Gorringe 6, M. S. Cloke (first as cond.) 7, A. H. Kemp 8.

HEYDOUR, LINCS. — On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Towns 1, F. P. Harwood 2, N. Longland (first quarter) 3, R. Longland 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5, H. Longland 6.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Pratt 2, F. E. Dukes 3, H. Brown 4, J. T. Dunwoody (cond.) 5, J. Edgar 6, T. Dunwoody tenor. First in two methods 2, 4 6 and tenor.

HURST, BERKS. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eele (first on eight) 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. A. J. Rance 3, L. Bune 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, A. J. Rance 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Allum 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK. — At the Church of St. Margaret on Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Blomfield (cond.) 1, D. Crapnell (first quarter, age 13) 2, J. Rose 3, D. Buxton 4, C. Woodcock 5, K. Whittell 6, J. Crapnell 7, E. Grimes 8.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. W. Beard 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. W. Beard (first of Surprise) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. Bullock 8.

LANCASTER.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, R. Worden 2, James Skeats 3, J. Woods (first as cond.) 4, R. Rainford 5, H. Rainford 6, S. Jeffery (first 'inside') 7, R. Hornby 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: K. Norman 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. W. Cook 4, A. W. T. Ginn 5, G. E. Crisp 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 6 and 7.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 10th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bottomley 1, K. Smith 2, S. Pickford 3, H. Lonyon 4, J. Smith 5, W. Matthews 6, F. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Morledge 8.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Davies (first quarter) 1, T. S. Astbury 2, J. Thomas (first quarter in method) 3, E. J. Boffey 4, F. Barnard 5, F. Ollier 6, J. E. Brough (cond.) 7, H. Stubbs (70) 8. First quarter in method rung by local band.

PORTSMOUTH. — On Oct. 10th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Tripes: F. W. Burnett 1, L. Duguid 2, Miss C. Burbidge 3, Miss H. Dale 4, E. F. Samons 5, E. C. Wheeler (Bishopstoke) 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss G. Ashby 1, A. Paul (first in the method) 2, R. Paul 3, E. Bennett 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Male 1, R. J. Edden 2, W. Collett 3, E. H. Adams 4, J. R. Ball 5, H. Huxley 6, H. C. Burt (first as cond.) 7, G. Rathbone 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. Farewell to Canon O. M. Jones (Rector) on retirement.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Davis (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. Pike 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, P. Davis 5, R. Woodley (cond.) 6, E. Rowe 7, B. Vincent 8.

THURLBY, LINCS. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of London, Reverse Canterbury P., April Day and Plain Bob and 120 of Antelope and Norfolk and 60 Grandsire): Miss P. Pulford (first quarter) 1, R. Wade 2, Miss L. Crowson (first quarter) 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, A. Wade 5. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Tilley.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,171 Erin Caters: P. G. Golder 1, E. T. Smith 2, G. W. Hughes 3, A. V. Pearson 4, A. M. Pickering 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. Howell (cond.) 7, H. E. Green 8, J. S. Eastwood 9, Alan Elsmore 10. Longest length in method by all.

WARMINSTER, WILTS. — On Oct. 10th (patronal festival), 1,260 Bob Minor: V. Bull 1, E. C. Marlow 2, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 3, R. Tudgay 4, N. G. Knee 5, T. E. Mallard 6.

WHITWORTH, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: S. K. Taylor 1, Miss Jill Brierley (longest length) 2, J. Alwyn Taylor 3, A. Mills 4, Allan Smith (cond.) 5, J. Taylor 6.

WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Killick 1, F. Ellen 2, J. Walter 3, S. G. White (cond.) 4, E. Wood 5, S. Walter 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. Bavin 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. H. Dunnington (first in method) 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Wyatt 1, D. Sheldon 2, W. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Hayward 5, F. Avery 6, S. G. Coles (cond.) 7, H. V. Harris 8.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Taylor 1, K. Curtis 2, T. Smith 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. S. T. Farr 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, G. Adcock 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of G. Adcock, ringer of the tenor.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Cox 1, L. Oliffe 2, E. Hill 3, C. Bustin 4, B. J. Coggins 5, A. Cornish 6, G. H. Wright (cond.) 7, E. Knight 8. First quarter-peal by the local band for over 20 years.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bower 1, J. H. Edwards 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, A. Ives 4, L. Mills 5, F. Clarke 6.

YAXLEY, HUNTS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. W. C. Blythe (first quarter Treble Bob) 1, H. S. Peacock 2, R. F. Baker 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

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MEETINGS

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.—The rededication of the bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4255

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Sawbridgeworth (8) on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.10. This meeting was arranged for Bishop's Stortford, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, Sawbridgeworth had to be made second choice.—G. Blake, District Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4261

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Woodman Inn. 4251

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fishtoft, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 4303

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Edenham (8 bells), Nov. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at The Five Bells. 4304

HEREFORD GUILD. — Ludlow District.—Quarterly meeting at Condover, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea. 4297

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, East Grinstead (8), Nov. 6th, 3.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4299

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Sawley, Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers very welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 4289

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District). — Combined meeting, Staines, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nov. 6th, 3. Tea 5. 4294

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Joint meeting, Hadleigh District and Ipswich District, at Bramford and Sproughton on Nov. 6th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5.30 at Bramford. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4302

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4295

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lugwardine (8), Nov. 6th. Tea to J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4285

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — November monthly meeting (Long Eaton) cancelled. Bells not available.—F. W. Shaw, District Sec. 4334

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Travel arrangements, Saturday, Nov. 6th, to Stratford. Bus leaves Priory Street Baths, Coventry, 2 p.m. Apply T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Coventry. Bus leaves Coton Church, Nuneaton, 1.30 p.m. via Bulkington. Apply Hon. Sec. Own arrangements for tea. —Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 4328

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—New ring of bells to be dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester in St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Notify for tea by Nov. 6th Rector, Cromhall, Charfield, Glos. 4325

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Next branch meeting at Cockerham, Nov. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—Jas. Skeats, Branch Sec. 4315

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. All tickets sold. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 2, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4, also St. Mary Magdalen's, Holloway, at 12 noon for members arriving in London in the morning. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Western District. Berkhampstead (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhampstead, by Wednesday, 10th.—W. Hughes. 4305

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meetings at 4.30. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 10th, to Miss E. Stewart, 30, Church Hill, Aldershot. 4282

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Chilham, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, only to those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4307

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Will members who require tea please send names to Mr. M. B. Richardson, 2, Mansfield Crescent, Roker, Sunderland, not later than Nov. 9th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 4287

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch. — Special meeting, Forncett St. Peter, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5 p.m. Names for tea by 8th to L. G. Tooke, Forncett.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 4312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting, Sawbridgeworth. Nov. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.15. Service 6. Names for tea before Monday, Nov. 8th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green, Standon, Ware, Herts. 4291

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Market Weighton, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 2 to 8. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) and meeting 5 for all who notify Mr. J. Kneeshaw, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by Wednesday, Nov. 10th. 4288

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own sandwiches. Cups of tea and cakes provided. A good attendance requested, please, for Caters and Royal.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 4314

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lindfield (8), Nov. 13th. Tea, notify Mr. Drew, The Tiger, Lindfield, Sussex. Look up Yorkshire Major and Oxford Bob Triples.—C. Bassett. 4318

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District. — Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, no arrangements, but can be obtained locally. Business in the Walker Hall at 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4316

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Monthly meeting at Christ Church, Healey, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—V. Wilson Sykes. 4337

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM.—Dedication of the new peal of eight at St. Andrew's, Hampton, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4320

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—East Markham (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Blue bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, 2.20, and from Lincolnshire bus stand 1.30 for church, also 2.40 and 3.20 for Cleveland Hill, 15 mins. walk. For tea notify W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark, by Nov. 9th.—H. Denman. 4324

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 4329

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Market Harborough District. — Great Bowden, near Market Harborough, Nov. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Bishop's Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Sec. 4330

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. Casson, Avondale House, Kirkby-in-Furness, by Nov. 10th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4333

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Ramsbottom, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 3. Bring own food. All welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 4338

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bronllys, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names by Wednesday, 10th, to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 4321

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Chester Branch) and NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. —Combined meeting at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, Chester, Nov. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (arrangements proceeding) to secretaries not later than Nov. 9th. 4341

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Earlsheaton, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, not later than Nov. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4339

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District. — Newton-in-the-Isle (6), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food). —W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4336

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4335

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Aldeby, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to F. Gunton, 12, Church Lane, Wheatacre, Beccles, by Oct. 17th.—J. Harwood, Sec., Great Yarmouth. 4317

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Balderton (5), Nov. 20th, 2.30. Service. Those requiring tea must notify Peter N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark, by 13th. (No name: alas a hungry ringer!)—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 4323

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Drayton, Nov. 20th. Good bus service. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 4322

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Hitchin, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. E. Symonds. 4327

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4331

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Will members unable to attend annual meeting please send subs. to Hon. Sec., H. G. Jennev, 23, Larch Street, Leicester, and notify any change of address to enable a booklet to be published and circulated. 4343

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Leonard's on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Barnes (first quarter) 1, F. Oliver (first 'inside') 2, F. J. Butler 3, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 4, H. Finch 5, G. Barnes 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, with 4.6.8 covering: R. G. Hancock 1, D. L. Hooper 2, J. Fifield 3, L. L. Willis 4, G. Lane (first quarter) 5, R. Wright (first quarter) 6, W. C. Rhodes 7, E. H. Hill 8. In memoriam W. H. M. Barton.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 10th at St. Mary Magdalen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Warren 1, E. F. Pryor 2, R. Newman 3, W. Prockson 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, G. Charge 7, H. W. Barnard 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Barton). Also 1,260 Stedman Triples, conducted by A. W. Coles.

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ALL SAINTS', BENHILTON

OF the many churches around London having to face heavy restoration costs following bomb damage is All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey. Eleven bombs fell in a circle round the church, resulting in serious damage to the fabric. The wall of the church is in one place 9 inches out of the perpendicular, and the roof needs to be entirely renewed. An appeal committee, with Mr. E. Gosden, of 44, Rectory Road, Sutton, as treasurer, has been formed, and it has set itself the task of raising £9,000.

The movement of the tower when ringing is pronounced, and in an endeavour to remedy this both Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. A. A. Hughes have been consulted. The bells (tenor 19¾ cwt. in E, by Warner) were not constituted into a ring of eight until November, 1893, the second being the ringers' bell, purchased by a fund started by ringers in Benhilton, who received contributions from others at Cheam, Kingston, Christ Church, Epsom, and Penge.

The walls of the tower are built of brick cased with small flints and such a tower is likely to bend. There is a serious crack in the west wall leading up from an arch over the clock face. Mr. Lewis is, however, of the opinion that this should not cause any anxiety and may be due to settlement only. He, nevertheless, advises that it should be watched.

The 'go' of the bells is definitely affected by the appreciable movement set up in the tower during ringing; this can only be overcome by rehanging the bells in a frame of completely different design, and this and repair to the chiming apparatus are among the work included in the appeal.

Mr. Lewis, in his report on this tower, makes some general observations on the cure of movement in towers. The first is lowering the bells in the tower. Other things being equal, the movement of the tower at the point where the bells are varies as the cube of the height at which they are hung. Here it is not feasible to bring the bells down, as it would involve ringing from the ground floor with an excessive draught of rope and unsightly rope guides.

The second is by 'tucking up' the bells. The horizontal force exerted by any bell can be reduced by 'tucking up' the bell in the headstock so that the centre of gravity of the bell is nearer to the axis of revolution. To do this sufficiently to have much effect would tend to make the bells sluggish to ring and can only be recommended in exceptional cases.

Finally there is altering the position of the ropes or rearranging the whole frame. Considerable relief to the tower could be given by changing the 4th and 6th ropes to the other side of the wheels if there were room enough between the bell chamber and ringing room to draw the ropes into a reasonable circle. Unfortunately, there is not sufficient space for this to be done. The movement could be reduced by redesigning the frame, a major operation involving a good deal of expense.

Despite these disadvantages, ringing takes place regularly at All Saints'. It has taken Mr. Gosden five years to train a band of ringers here, calling up for H.M. Forces being the biggest drawback, but he had his reward a fortnight ago when he was able, for the first time, to go outside and listen to a well-struck touch.

The ringers themselves are in this appeal. At the last meeting of the Surrey Association at Benhilton, a young church member, who is now a ringer, made a recording of the bells ringing Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. A number of these records have been and are being sold to visitors and others interested and the profits go to the Restoration Fund. The story of Benhilton could probably be repeated many times in different parts of the country. Their enthusiasm is a practical example of the Church Militant, with the ringers boldly marching side by side with other workers in a great purpose.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. Thomas	*Treble*	John Thomas	7
Mrs. A. D. Barker	2	Arthur D. Barker	8
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Harold J. Poole	9
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At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*Stanley Huckle	*Treble*	‡Alfred Hatten	6
Audrey Bailey	2	Charles F. Sayer	7
Harold V. Frost	3	Reginald W. Darvill	8
Frederick J. Spicer	4	George W. Debenham	9
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On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
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*Barbara M. Harris	*Treble*	Herbert J. Eldred	6
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WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh	6
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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*Mrs. F. K. Birks	*Treble*	†Frederick K. Birks	5
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DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Albert J. Pitman	*Treble*	George Ledsham	5
John E. Bibby	2	Cecil Raddon	6
Denis Maddock	3	Walter Allman	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by Walter Allman.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
Ernest W. Rawson	2	J. Fredk. Milner	6
Shirley Burton	3	Alfred Ballard	7
Sidney O. Cheney	4	G. Stedman Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by H. J. Poole.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
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NEWCHURCH (CULCHETH), LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John Booth	*Treble*	Alan J. Brown	5
*Alan N. Brown (15)	2	Cecil Raddon	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
*Sydney Leatherbarrow	4	James W. Grounds	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Crook.
* First peal in the method. To celebrate 60 years' ringing at St. Paul's, Walkden, of Mr. John Potter and Mr. John Denner.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*David W. Beard	*Treble*	Thomas W. Taffender	5
Thomas H. Taffender	2	†Stephen J. Hart	6
John H. Lott	3	James Bullock	7
Albert W. Beard	4	Charles W. Ottley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Containing 1,408 London. 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

Sydney A. Chambers	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	5
*Charles McGuiness	2	*Jack L. Millhouse	6
Fredk. W. Stokes	3	John Walden	7
†Kenneth S. B. Croft	4	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John Freeman.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Spliced Surprise in the county.

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CUBITT TOWN, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 50 88 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*DAVID BEVERIDGE	*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
*ALAN WHITE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. A wedding compliment to Mr. C. T. G. Sone (son of Thomas E. Sone), Paddock Wood, and Miss A. E. M. Ford, Hadlow.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE... ...	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	3	†FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal, aged 13. † First peal. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
E. Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

*RONALD JAMES ...	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK ...	5
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	THOMAS SENIOR	6
THOMAS COOKE	3	*THOMAS HILL	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	GEORGE F. NEWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cooke, father of the conductor.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN B. BENNETT	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	2	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	*ALAN CATTELL	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	4	ERNEST MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol on the bells. Rung for the christening of Ellen Ann Knights. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ECCLES, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JEAN BROWN ...	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	5
JULIA M. PRESTON ...	2	JOHN RANDELLS	6
MARY WALSHAW	3	FRED DUNKERLEY ...	7
NORAH BIBBY	4	E. C. BIRKETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 19 cwt.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
*GEORGE W. PIPE ...	2	ALBERT E. WHITING ...	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* 25th peal together. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	GORDON BENFIELD ...	6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	4	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	*Treble*	LESLIE G. BRETT	5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ...	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First touch in the method as conductor.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*WILLIAM PYE ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	5
*MISS MARY WALSHAW...	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
*MISS R. M. ELKINGTON	3	*PETER CROOK	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	4	HAROLD WALKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Tues., Oct. 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 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. in D.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
NOEL J. DISERENS ...	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK ...	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE... ...	5
MARGARET L. TUTT... ...	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
DAVID GALLOP	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by M. L. TUTT.
Rung for the conductor's birthday.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*ALBERT E. BISSATT	*Treble*	†GEORGE SKINNER ...	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS...	6
CHARLES SHARPLES ...	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	7
THOMAS G. MYERS ...	4	CHARLES SANGWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal on eight. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. A welcome peal to Charles Sharples.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*MISS E. M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	2	LEONARD TUFFREY	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
JOHN S. WALTON... ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal with Treble Bob hunt.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18¾ cwt.

HERBERT AUDSLEY	*Treble*	FREDK. E. COLEY	5
JOHN WHEADON	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
WALTER LEMON	3	ROBT. G. RAYFIELD ...	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	GEORGE BUTCHER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. RAYFIELD.
First peal of Triples as conductor.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	REGINALD BEALE	5
JOHN T. LOCKE	2	JACK W. DREW	6
WALTER H. POOLE ...	3	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	7
*FREDK. WELCH	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	*Treble*	ALBERT PEGG	5
*ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	2	GEORGE POYNTZ	6
THOMAS SIMMONS ...	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.
* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

ALBERT S. H. SWEETZER	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS ...	5
ALBERT DISERENS ...	2	REGINALD W. REX ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	†CYRIL G. J. WATTS ...	7
*WALTER HUNT	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

VICTOR SAVAGE	*Treble*	FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	5
JAMES TOPP	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	6
HENRY J. SANGER ...	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
*JOHN DOWNING	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Arranged by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	JACK L. WORRALL	5
ALFRED E. REEVES ...	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER ...	6
*REGINALD G. HOOPER...	3	NORMAN H. COOMBS ...	7
*SIDNEY G. RICHES ...	4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. 50th peal for the Association by D. G. Clift.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE O. WRIGHT	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE ...	5
T. HENRY WRIGHT ...	2	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	6
*GERALD LADKIN	3	WILLIAM NEWTON	7
ERNEST E. PICKERING...	4	ERNEST V. CHESTERTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NEWTON.
* First peal. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Alec Tewlsbury.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

DAVID GALLOP	*Treble*	†MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ...	2	C. JOHN DICKINSON ...	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	PETER W. B. SEMMENS	7
NORMAN G. MCCRUM ...	4	H. PETER RAYNOR ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by H. PETER RAYNOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. In memoriam Dr. W. T. S. Stallybrass, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS EVELYN WRIGHT	*Treble*	ERIC A. DENCH	5
JOHN WALDEN	2	CHARLES E. BROWN ...	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
FREDK. W. STOKES ...	4	†JOHN W. MOORE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN T. WALMSLEY	*Treble*	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ...	5
OGDEN MOORES	2	VERNON SYKES, SEN. ...	6
IVAN KAY	3	S.S.M. PHILIP TOCOCK...	7
HERBERT BARLOW ...	4	V. WILSON SYKES, JUN....	*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.
* First peal away from tenor. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Barlow on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. Also a birthday compliment to his sister.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	*Treble*	FRED HODGSON	5
ERNEST B. BETTS ...	2	GORDON BENFIELD ...	6
DONALD R. MARSHALL ...	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*GERALD NICHOLLS	*Treble*	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ...	5
*DEREK SANDERSON ...	2	FRANK W. LACK ...	6
*STANLEY GILBERT	3	HERBERT FIELDS	7
LESLIE W. FISHER ...	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*SAM BIRCH	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ...	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
HOWARD HOWELL ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT	*Treble*	*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ...	5
JOAN SALMONS	2	*ALBERT F. BURBIDGE ...	6
*JOHN W. MEADE	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	7
*BRYAN C. STIRLAND ...	4	*HENRY T. MACEY...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.
* First peal of Grandsire.

SIX BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz., Double Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

SIDNEY FLINT ...	...*Treble*	CECIL EBBERSON	4
*STANLEY G. ELSEY ...	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	5
WALLACE COUSINS ...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal 'inside.'

WHITWELL-CUM-HACKFORD (REEPHAM), NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER J. FORD ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT LASKEY	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
WALTER C. MEDLER ...	3	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) Capel Treble Bob; (4) Sandal Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (6) Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	4
ARTHUR HIBBERT	2	GEORGE ASHMORE	5
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	3	JAMES A. MILNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Hadfield, the town's oldest resident, who is 96.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS BESSIE CARTER ...	*Treble*	FREDK. G. BEDDOW ...	4
F. HECTOR BENNETT ...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
THOMAS PRICE	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
First peal of Oxford Minor by all the band except the 2nd ringer. First peal as conductor. Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *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 three of Plain Bob.

*ERNEST W. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	BERNARD C. MANN ...	4
SIDNEY R. LINNETT ...	2	SYDNEY C. EASTER ...	5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD...	3	ARTHUR HUBBLE ...	...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*THOMAS J. HILL ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT G. WESTLAKE...	4
JACK W. DREW	2	REGINALD BEALE	5
FREDERICK WELCH ...	3	JOHN T. LOCKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EDMUND J. WHITING ...	*Treble*	DEREK SANDERSON ...	4
ARTHUR L. MARDLIN ...	2	R. FRANK BAKER	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Tribute was paid at Moorside, Oldham, on Oct. 30th, to 50 years' service as a ringer by Mr. Herbert Barlow. He rang the same bell in the same method in the same tower on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. which was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to him. He is the only surviving member of the original band.

Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath, has scored his 100th peal. Congratulations.

Master George W. Pipe has passed another ringing milestone—his 25th peal. He is not yet 14.

Mr. H. W. Barrett has now 'circled' Kingston-on-Thames tower, Mr. E. E. Pickering, Earl Shilton, Leics., and Mr. B. Williams, Cadoxton, near Neath.

Mr. Tony Price's name is back again in the peal columns. He has successfully recovered from an attack of rheumatic fever.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Dartford on October 28th was the first of Triples as conductor for Mr. R. G. Rayfield. Since 1933 he has been calling touches; he has had various failures at quarters of Grandsire. Determination has won through with his first peal of Grandsire Triples for 15 years.

Errata.—The peal of Minor at Eye, Herefordshire, on September 19th, consisted of three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob and not as printed in the issue of October 8th.

The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild is now 25 years old. First peal for the Guild was on October 29th, 1923, at Talgarth, Breconshire, and Mr. D. H. Bennett rang the same bell in the anniversary peal recorded this week. Also participating was 73-year-old Mr. James A. Smith, formerly of Congresbury, ringing his first peal.

Mr. James Topp, of Frome, whose composition of Grandsire Triples was published last week, has since examined the composition of the Rev. Bankes James and has come to the conclusion that his (Mr. Topp's) composition should be known as a transposition of the Rev. Bankes James' peal. He had no knowledge of this previous peal at the time his composition was submitted to us.

The peal of Doubles at Bearsted, Kent, was the first on the bells by a resident band.

A peal will be attempted at Westminster Abbey for Princess Elizabeth's baby. If the news is received before 1 p.m. the attempt will start at 3.45 p.m.; if later, next morning at 10.30 a.m.

We propose to devote our issue of December 3rd to peals and quarter-peals in honour of the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby. Items of interest in connection with these peals will also be featured so as to reduce footnotes.

Mr. W. H. Joiner, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, informs us that he was a member of the Mitcham Parish Church band from 1907 to 1939—and not 22 years as stated in last week's Belfry Gossip.

Fullest information about Arklow tenor comes from Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone. He states the measurement is 49½ inches and the weight 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. The 7th is 15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. with a diameter of 44½ inches. All the ring of eight were cast at Loughborough in 1898.

The Vicar of Aldbourne, Wilts, the Rev. H. R. Gilding, reproduced an extract from the leader of 'The Ringing World' referring to Mrs. Nesbit and her impressions of bells, in his monthly magazine, with an invitation to those interested to get in touch with the local captain, who was arranging weekly ringing practice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Speed of a Peal

Dear Sir,—The subject of speed is always fascinating, and it is amazing the difference of opinion it creates. About three years ago the late Mr. J. A. Trollope surprised some of us by suggesting that it was easier to 'turn in' a heavy tenor at a brisk rate than a slow one. In on sense there was some truth in this statement, because it is much easier to 'get away' with slovenly striking when the ringing is fast, whether you are ringing on the front or back end. Now when the ringing is slow each bell has to be *placed*, and every bad blow from any bell is much emphasised.

I'll agree that slower ringing requires less physical exertion on the back end, but it certainly requires much more judgment. And much of the credit goes to the front end people, as their wrists are exercised much more by the slower compass.

Mr. F. E. Haynes appreciates the point that, in slow ringing, it is much more difficult to obtain perfect striking. But it is unfair to assume that when slow ringing takes place, then the striking suffers. From my own experience (including peals on over 50 different tenors weighing 20 cwt. to 40 cwt.) I would say that my slowest peals have produced the best striking. When I read the report of the Somerset tour, and noted the slow times, I was very pleased indeed and would congratulate them on their performances. Many of the rings they visited are very highly Simpson-tuned, and, for my own part, I think that if you want to hear these types of bells to their best advantage then you must ring them slowly. Mr. Trollope once stated that to do the bells at York Minster anything like justice a peal would have to take at least five hours, but he doubted if a band could ring at that pace single-handed. To Mr. Haynes I would say, Pick a good band, find a ring of eight with tenor 25 cwt. and ring the tenor to a peal of Double Norwich or Superlative in any time over 3 hours 30 minutes (or exactly). If everyone puts up a good performance the peal should give you real pleasure!

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth, Surrey.

MR. WILLIAM PYE RECALLED

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the articles on heavy bellringing and ringers.

I should like to point out to Mr. Simpson that to compare himself with William Pye is a mistake, referring, of course, to the height or weight of a ringer making any difference to his ringing.

May I add in passing that W. Pye stood 5ft. 7in. and never weighed more than 11 stone, yet to his credit go peals such as 7,000 odd changes at Bow, tenor 53 cwt.: Exeter peal, single-handed on tenor 72 cwt.; Loughborough, tenor 30 cwt., for 12 hours 18 minutes.

I should like to see more letters on this subject, written by more fluent pens than mine—men such as Reuben Sanders, James Bullock, the smallest man to ring St. Paul's tenor single-handed, and others. With the names of those passed on, may I remind Mr. Simpson of men such as J. W. Washbrook, Ernest Pye and J. Riding, to mention a few.

To compare one of Mr. Simpson's peals with that of W. Pye's—Ambleside, 5,056 of Bristol in 3 hours 38 minutes with Mr. Simpson's Double Norwich, 5,008, in 3 hours 34 minutes, at the same church, tenor being 32 cwt. Would he say the Bristol was too quick? — Yours sincerely,

F. W. PYE.

Blackhorse Farm, Wickhambrook, Suffolk.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol, on October 30th, was arranged to enable R. G. Hooper to score his first peal of Double Norwich before leaving Bristol for Catterick for his military training.

Tenor Ringers and Others

Dear Sir,—I did not mention the Somerset tour in my remarks on tenor ringing. I have had these in mind for some time, but I must admit the remarkably slow times during that tour brought my thoughts to a head.

Firstly, I must again assure Mr. Simpson and any others that the time they take over peals is purely their own concern. What I am and was concerned about was the time factor when comparisons are made with other performances. I haven't any doubt whatever that the peals in Somerset were bona-fide, and must congratulate them on a successful tour and methods rung. I shall not attempt to beat them; even in my best days I should never have undertaken such an amount of unpaid work—holiday, did I hear some people say? The slow times are ample proof of the wonderful 'go' of those bells. Even a band of supermen couldn't lift and hold bells of those weights all that time if the going was bad.

That brings me to the point expressed by Mr. Haynes, viz., that a tenor ringer is usually expected to work and force a bell along beyond her normal gait, even if the bells are 'a box of music,' otherwise the ringing, however free from trips, is dull and lifeless. In the sense that a man is unwilling or unable to ring a tenor beyond its normal pace I maintain the bell *is* ringing the ringer and not vice versa. Bells are expected to be hung so well now that any immature boy or girl can ring them, or they are condemned as bad going, and any man who rings them at their own pace is not, in my opinion, a tenor ringer, but only one of a crowd!

I should like to contradict another fallacy, if I may, and that is the idea that slow ringing is harder to strike. It is only harder if ringing is irregular or bells go badly, otherwise a band who are strikers can ring and strike at any pace. In fact, ringing a bell the fraction of a second late or early, in fast ringing, would cause a clash, the same variation in slow time would pass unnoticed. If people find it harder to strike properly when ringing in slow time it simply shows their lack of versatility.

I would also deny that people have no control over a bell unless it goes up to the point of balance each time. Of course, if you don't know what the remainder of the band are going to do from pull to pull you would have to do so, but with a band of strikers the bells could be half-way down, the little extra check or pull being used for cutting or rising. It would, of course, have to be good ringing, with no trips, or only slight ones.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey, Herts.

A DELECTABLE WELCOME TO THE DELECTABLE DUCHY

The peal at Stratton was a joint Devon and Cornwall affair to welcome Mr. Charles Sharples to N.E. Cornwall, which borders so closely upon Devonshire. Stratton bells are a grand ring; cast and hung by Taylors in 1911, they have recently been rehung on ball bearings by the same firm. The peal was worthy of the bells, and Mr. G. Harry Myers, who has recently been compelled to take a complete rest, travelled the 50 miles from Plymouth to listen, and he did not go home without a pull, but helped several of the local band to lower the bells in peal.

Such occasions have their happy sequel: a goodly company was entertained to a lavish tea—this time boiled eggs, Cornish saffron buns and other good things. Several speakers extended a welcome to Mr. Sharples, and pleasure at his coming to that part: and as one said he was lucky to be able to get his ringing with the cream of Devon and Cornish ringers.

Kent County Association

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Frindsbury on October 16th, the place of the meeting being changed from Rochester owing to the limited accommodation and large attendance at the previous meetings. This year with room to seat 200, only 65 members attended against 120 last year.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 and continued in various methods until 4.15, when the ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. John Lloyd, who is a member of the Association. During his address the Vicar spoke of the part church bells had played during his life from boyhood right through his ministry, both in this country and in Canada. How, when he was travelling round his huge parish in Canada, from one settlement to another, he had begged odd lengths of railway metal from the Canadian Pacific Railway to tie in a tree and strike with a bolt to call his few faithful to service and worship. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £2 0s. 9d.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall and was followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Vicar.

The district secretary (Mr. B. W. May) presented his report, which showed an increase in membership, more towers in union and also an increase in the number of peals rung during the year. Two new members were elected and all the retiring officers were re-elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bobbing in November and the next quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne in January.

Mr. G. H. Spice expressed thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful, and members dispersed for more ringing in the Parish Church and at Rochester Cathedral.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

A meeting of the Society of Cambridge Youths was held in Great St. Mary's Church on October 18th, with the president, Canon G. E. A. Whitworth, in the chair. The secretary reported a year of steady progress.

Following an appeal in the local Press for recruits, about a dozen came along and eight of these were elected ringing members at the meeting. The bells are now rung for both morning and evening services.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, H. Martin; secretary, J. W. R. Quinney; auditor, T. R. Dennis; committee, B. Allgood, C. Hurst and E. G. Hibbins. The question of an outing was discussed and it is hoped to visit Oxford if this can be arranged on Whit Monday next year.

5,280 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

23456	W	5/4	B	H
42356				—
63254	—	5/4		(3)
62534	—			2
23645	—		x	2

Five times repeated, single at the end of the 3rd and 6th part ends.

As a 5,056 omit the 3 homes bracketed in any one part.

GOLDEN WEDDING QUARTER

As a golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. H. Joiner, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, N.W., on October 24th, by F. H. Eveleigh 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. A. Barker 3, J. H. R. Rainforth 4, E. E. Pratchett 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, W. E. Eveleigh 8. It was the first quarter by 1, 4 and 8. Mr. J. S. Hawkins, who rang the second, recalls ringing a peal with Mr. F. Richardson at Hughenden, Bucks, on July 23rd, 1898, and states that their next meeting was on July 23rd, 1948—50 years later.

HE TOOK HIS HANDBELLS TO FRANCE

AND RANG FOR HIS ENGAGEMENT AT THE EIFFEL TOWER.

When the brothers Eric and Geoffrey Dodds went to France last September they took an octave of handbells with them. At Paris they were joined by Miss Jeanne Askew (Brentford), who had recently started change ringing.

The first week was spent sightseeing the chateaux of the Loire. Despite combined arguing with the guide, the bells of Tours Cathedral were not allowed to be visited because of the delicate 'electrical mechanism.' Later it was found that many French churches have their bells rung on the electric 'Autosonneur' principle, where the priest just switches on the bells for five minutes before service time—so much less work than in England!

Several evenings were spent with the handbells, sitting out of doors under a warm starlit sky with a large vine clinging to the ancient hotel wall behind.

The second week was in Paris. A visit was very soon made to the Bourdon of Notre Dame, but, despite several visits, the bell was not seen ringing. The ringing appears to be in the hands of their 'Ministry of Works,' so it must be rarely heard, like Imperial Institute, London. The Bourdon is rung by eight men who treadle planks fixed to the headstock in a see-saw manner. The most that was achieved there was a hurried course of Grandsire Doubles inside the bell!

On Wednesday morning a visit was made to the Church of the Sacré Cœur, where the tourists' first 120 of Grandsire Doubles was quite well struck, on the dome, the belfry not being open that day. As a souvenir of the first 'extent,' they were lucky enough to find some 'bell charms' on sale here. By now they were getting used to the opening phrase, 'Nous sonnons les cloches en Angleterre. . . .' when trying to explain to the various guides their peculiar form of English madness.

Next day, the ascent of the Eiffel Tower was made, and, to celebrate the engagement of the two Brentford ringers on the previous afternoon, 120 of Grandsire was again rung, up in the skies this time: Eric Dodds 1-2, Geoffrey Dodds (cond.) 3-4, Miss Jeanne Askew 5-6. That's one tower you tower snatchers haven't got!

On Sunday, Miss Jeanne Askew returned to England and the two brothers went on their own to St. Quentin to visit a pen friend. She was very glad the handbells had been brought, as no one had been able to understand her description of English ringing she had seen while in England, having nothing at all like it in France. The first evening she was given her first lesson, and at the end rang 5-6 to a 120 of Grandsire! On the last night, at about 12.30 a.m., she put up a really remarkable performance. 'On Sept. 29th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, being six different extents: Eric Dodds (longest length 'in hand') 1-2, Geoffrey Dodds (cond.) 3-4, Mlle Micheline Brunelet (first 720, ringing 10 days only) 5-6.'

Visits were made to the carillons of St. Quentin and Cambrai Town Halls. That of St. Quentin is rather out of tune and plays different, rather curious and unrecognisable tunes every quarter of an hour. That of Cambrai plays a rather wild version of the Westminster chimes. An interesting feature of many bells in this area is that they all record in their inscription that they were recast after their removal and destruction by the Germans in the first World War.

Liesse, a shrine in the province of Aisne, the 'Lourdes of the North,' was visited. On being told that two 'expert bellringers from England' wanted to see the carillon, the priest quickly led the way up. He uncovered the clavier, a little the worse for neglect in the war, and offered them the chance of trying it out. Opportunity comes but once, so, for the first time in history, perhaps, English change ringing thundered out from a French belfry with a course of Grandsire Doubles, played by Geoffrey Dodds. After a few hymn tunes the party was shown the bells. Five bells have full wheels, one a half-wheel, all six with ropes down into the church in a good rope circle. Apart from a suspected weak frame, the bells should be ringable. more or less, in the English way. The half-wheel bell was rung for the Angelus at noon and made a very interesting sight. Mlle Brunelet crept down to the clavier and played 'Frère Jacques' to tease the priest! He went down, laughing, and asked her if she could play a waltz, so the 'Blue Danube' was played! This was followed by a bit of 'Boogie-Woogie,' and, believe it or not, she now has the invitation to go and play whenever she likes, as they have no carrillonneur! At his special request, another course of Grandsire Doubles was played and that was that, a most satisfactory day.

Everywhere the handbells were rung great interest was taken, as no one had ever seen or heard anything like them before. (Job for the British Council?) Many questions were asked, especially on the strange idea of organised "ringing societies' in England.

WEDDING OF MISS R. LENEY

Miss Ruth Leney, a member of the Hawkhurst and District Guild and a regular Sunday service ringer at Benenden, was married at St. George's Church, Benenden, Kent, on Oct. 23rd, to Mr. Trevor C. Collingwood. The Rev. N. E. Ashenden, Rector of St. Paul's, Salisbury, officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. Hankin-Turvin. Both are uncles of the bride. At the organ was the Rev. V. B. Yearsley. The church was prettily decorated with autumn flowers.

The bride wore a classic gown of ivory printed satin with a bridal veil of Brussels net and lace, which was over 100 years old. Over 200 guests attended the reception, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Lugarno, Switzerland.

After the service, call changes and touches of Grandsire were rung, followed by an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, at Rolvenden, by a representative band from Hawkhurst, Benenden, Frittenden, Tenterden and Wadhurst. The peal came to grief after 2½ hours' ringing, due to a change of course. The band was: Miss V. Relf 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, J. O. Santer 3, H. Baker 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, W. Gorringe 6, C. A. Bassett 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8. J.O.S.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT ALCESTER.

The quarterly meeting of the Guild attracted 84 members and friends to Alcester. The funeral of a local Nonconformist minister having taken place prior to time arranged for the start of ringing, the bells were rung half-muffled before tea as a token of respect.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. N. W. Scott. The business meeting, held after tea, was presided over by the Rev. J. Emrys Jones, Rector of Temple Grafton with Binton, near Alcester. A proposal that a dinner be held was turned down, mainly owing to its cost. New members elected were A. Evans (Priors Marston), F. Rouse (Coventry) as ringing members, and E. Nobles (Northampton), H. Parkinson (Leeds), F. H. Hicks (Hailsham) and A. D. Cook (Birmingham), as non-resident life members.

Bulkington was selected for the January quarterly meeting and Stratford-on-Avon for the annual meeting in April.

A meeting of the Nuneaton district is to be held at Nuneaton on December 11th in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild (West Midland Branch).

The bells of Salford Priors were placed at the disposal of members for an hour during the evening and were made good use of.

Dedications

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

St. Andrew's, Wingfield, a beautiful 14th century church with its 24 clerestory windows and a tower containing six bells, had its bells rededicated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on October 24th.

About 50 years ago the bells were in a bad state, and the village smith, a ringer, undertook to overhaul them for the sum of £8. Upon lifting the bells from their brasses he found that the gudgeons were badly worn and decided to remove these from the headstock.

A piece of metal was welded to them on the forge fire and rounded off. They were then turned up in a hand-made lathe and made to fit in the brasses. After being case hardened the bells were reassembled and the work completed.

This put the bells into fair ringing order and they continued in use until 1938, when the oak frame fell into decay and was considered unsafe for ringing.

This year an order was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, to have the bells rehung and they accomplished the work in six months. The contract consisted of a new steel frame, ball bearings, wheels, headstocks and ropes and the bells quarter turned and cleaned.

The total cost of the work, including renovations to the tower, is £1,000. In 2¼ years the parishioners have raised £850 by direct giving and social functions, and it is hoped shortly to complete the fund.

A large congregation, including many visitors from surrounding parishes, attended the service. The dedication was performed at the close of the singing of the first hymn. The Bishop was escorted to the bell chamber by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Dyer). After the blessing of the bells a few rounds were rung by local ringers.

In an address the Bishop said he was one of those who loved to hear church bells because there is no music so sweet. He congratulated the people of Wingfield on their efforts, which showed that they loved their church and all that belonged to it and were doing their best to maintain it and hand it on. He also paid tribute to the Suffolk Guild of Ringers (many of whom rang after the service) for their work in the interest of the Church in the diocese. The danger he had found in another diocese, that the art of change ringing might die out, was proving, he was glad to say, ill-founded as far as the diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich was concerned.

After the service ringers from Yaxley, Scole, Diss, Pulham, Mendham, Croydon, Fressingfield, Wissett, Wenhaston, Framlingham, Badingham, Palgrave, Dennington, Wilby and Wingfield took part in the ringing.

CHRIST CHURCH, EALING.

The Middlesex turned out in full strength on October 30th for the rededication of the bells of Christ Church, Ealing.

This glorious church was extensively damaged by a flying bomb in July, 1944, and part of the restoration scheme which is now in progress was the complete overhaul of the bells. The three front bells have been recast, the rest retuned, and the octave hung on ball bearings.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. A. de Vere) conducted the service of dedication in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and over one hundred ringers and friends. The bells were opened by the Christ Church band, including Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, whose firm carried out the restoration, and are to be heartily congratulated on an excellent splice, the beautiful tone exceeding all expectations.

Tea was provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, followed by further ringing

It is interesting to note that the late J. A. Trollope worshipped at this church, where he was Vicar's warden for many years. F.A.F.

CHECKENDON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *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 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

FRANK BLONDELL ... ...*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 4
WALTER SPARROW 2	RICHARD E. PRICE... ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
First peal on the bells, which were cast by Lester and Pack, 177?.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM STEEL ... ...*Treble*	*WILLIS BRAMLEY 4
†LEONARD FISHER ... 2	ARTHUR SMITHSON ... 5
FREDERICK BOAM ... 3	*ALBERT WHEELER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR SMITHSON.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor and first on the bells since the addition of new treble. In memoriam the Rev. T. S. Hudson, former Vicar for 32 years.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, varied callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*CHAS. H. J. GRAVETTE *Treble*	*STANLEY GILBERT 4
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK... 2	†D. THOMAS AUSTIN ... 5
*DEREK SANDERSON ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, varied callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DONALD A. CATLINGHAM *Treble*	WILLIAM H. WALDRON... 4
JAMES K. MOUNFIELD... 2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 5
DENIS D. WRIGHT ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN THOMPSON ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4
ERNEST TWIGG 2	FRANK EDWARDS 5
*JOSEPH V. M. MOSLEY 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. H Carnwell, tower captain, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at Kingsley.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eleven 240's called differently and 20 six-scores (20 different callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. SMITH ...*Treble*	†DAVID J. GRIFFITHS ... 4
BERNARD H. DAVIES ... 2	DAVID H. BENNETT ... 5
†JONES L. GWYNNE ... 3	*JAMES A. SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID H. BENNETT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Guild, October 27th, 1923.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat.. Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN T. WILLIAMS ...*Treble*	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
EDWARD PHILLIPS 2	THOMAS SCOTT 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	*GWYN I. LEWIS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* 100th peal.

WORLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb, Norfolk, Old Doubles, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and two six-scores of London.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. E. FORD ... ...*Treble*	MISS MARJORIE LEGG ... 4
MISS HILDA PRESCOTT ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
MISS AUDREY TIBBOTTS... 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
First peal in eleven methods by all the band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HARRY PARKER ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	DAVID SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
First peal in six methods by all and on the bells. A birthday peal for E. V. Rodenhurst.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb.

BERNARD H. DALTON ...*Treble*	*AUBREY D. MILLS... ... 4
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 22, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

*ROSEMARY SMITH 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 3-4
BRENDA FALLS 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
IN THE SELECT VESTRY HALL OF ST. MARGARET'S,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

CHARLES MARSHALL 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. THOMAS 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*THOMAS J. LOCK 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Beauchamp 1, F. Bush 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, W. Coe 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, B. Williams 7, S. Hart (cond.) 8. First quarter for all except No. 3.

BEEDON, BERKS. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Curtis 1, T. H. G. Curtis (first 'inside') 2, T. Curtis 3, H. T. E. Curtis 4, H. W. Curtis (cond.) 5, A. Townsend 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 24th, at Bishop Ryder's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Jones 1, W. G. Chaplin 2, J. Scott 3, H. H. Fearn 4, A. D. Cook 5, P. D. Warren 6, S. G. Chaplin (cond.) 7, J. F. Harvey 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, M. J. Best 2, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 3, J. Daniels 4, A. J. Butler 5, H. Mitchell 6, G. Evendon 7, P. A. Hunt 8. First in method by all except the conductor.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS. — On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Hibbert 1, A. Taylor 2, H. Pearson 3, A. Hibbert 4, J. Smith 5, G. Ashmore (first as cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. A 96th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Hadfield, great-aunt of the treble ringer.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Durling 1, R. A. E. Dunn (first of Doubles) 2, F. R. Best 3, R. Streek (first 'inside') 4, C. P. Suddards 5, B. A. Best 6. First quarter, 1, 3, 5 and 6.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.—At St. Aldhelm's on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gane 1, F. Warren 2, J. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, B. Burton 4, A. Kingston 5, H. Reynolds 6. A wedding compliment to C. F. Veasey, captain of St. Aldhelm's ringers, and Miss P. Barry.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Johnson 1, E. Hill 2, B. Costar 3, G. H Wright 4, H. C. Farmer (cond.) 5, G. Harris 6. First in method 1 and 2.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Izzard (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lewis Cockey 2, A. T. Parker 3, J. King 4, W. J. Ellis 5, A. Jones 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, Squire Croft 8.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — At Christ Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Curryer (first of Major) 1, E. Gower 2, Mrs. B. Percy 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, E. G. D. Tonkin 5, R. W. Percy 6, F. H. Dallaway 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA. — On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Edwards 1, R. Dunn 2, F. Browne 3, W. Brown 4, A. Tew 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunn.

HALESOWEN, WORCS. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Harris 1, Winnie Pretty (first quarter) 2, A. Greenhall 3, L. Cissett (cond.) 4, Molly Tromans 5, J. H. Cox 6, J Eaton 7, H. Shilvock 8.

HARBURY, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden 1, G. Rathbone 2, A. E. Bristow 3, W. H. Male (cond.) 4, W. A. Stote 5.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: J. W. C. Blythe 1, D. Sanderson 2, C. Young 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, G. L. Perkins 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HEREFORD.—On Oct. 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Symonds 1, R. T. Jones 2, J. W. Downes 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. J. Webb 5, W. T. Poston 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, M. T. Moreton 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, R. Coles 3, E. Markham 4, Miss M. I. Goodship 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, G. R. Goodship 7, C. A. Smith 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, A. L. James (first quarter on 10) 10.

HINDLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Horrocks 1, H. Cooper 2, Muriel Reay 3, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 4, J. Halsall 5, W. Smalley 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, W. Horrocks 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS. —On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cummins 1, W. Lakin 2, J. R. Kemp 3, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 4, E. Fisher 5, D. Flatters 6, J. R. Young 7, C. H. Whitton 8. First in method by 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Ball 1, C. H. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, J. Bennett 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Packer 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Ball and Mrs. E. Jones.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Bob Royal: G. Henshaw 1, W. Stevenson 2, A. A. Potts 3, Miss J. Henshaw 4, A. V. Rees 5, H. Wood (first in method) 6, W. Gayes 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8, G. Farrer 9, E. Seed 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Henshaw on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Kilsby 1, C. Windram 2, Miss F. Hart 3, W. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, G. Hollick 6, W. Hector (cond.) 7, F. Wallington 8. First quarter by 2nd.

MORTON, DERBYS. — On Oct. 24th, 720 each of Hull and Norwich Surprise: H. Franklin 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, P. H. Wright 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterlan (first as cond.) 5, B. A. Richards 6. First quarter in the methods by all the band.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wright 1, W. Noble 2, J. Greenwood 3, L. Healey 4, N. Bennett (first of Major) 5, C. Nicholl 6, A. Hancock (cond.) 7, W. G. Turner 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lonnen 1, A. V. Corden 2, L. D. W. Atfield 3, H. J. Peskett (first of Triples 'inside') 4, R. Stredwick 5, E. Treagus 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Hills (first of Grandsire) 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, H. M. Smith 3, C. Brasier (cond.) 4, W. Rogers 5, F. Hammond 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Reverse Grandsire Triples: Miss P. A. Cartwright 1, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 2, K. Haslam 3, E. Large 4, H. W. Haslam 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. H. Walters 8. First of Reverse by all the band.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 St. Clement's: J. W. C. Blythe 1, E. Whiting 2, H. S. Peacock 3, D. Sanderson 4, R. F. Baker 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Lees 1, J. W. Smith 2, E. A. Turner 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, D. H. Watson 6, P. C. Richards 7, C. T. Richards (first as cond.) 8.

WHITBY, YORKS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Waller 1, A. Hunter (first in method) 2, W. A. Brecken 3, A. V. Coates 4, G. White 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (first in method as cond.) 7, H. Waters (first in method) 8. For the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. N. A. Vesey.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, W. Jarvis 3, H. Piggins 4, Miss M. Whitlock 5, S. Haw 6, F. Moyes 7, T. Bevis (first quarter) 8, H. Means (cond.) 9, W. Freeman 10.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: B. Latham 1, S. C. Thain 2, F. Garland 3, G. Latham 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6. For the 21st birthday of S. C. Thain.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Scott 1, Miss Barbara Smedley 2, Miss Annie Potter 3, T. Allred 4, R. Allred 5, F. Grundy (cond.) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, R. Jones 8.

Devon Guild of Ringers

BRANCH MEETING AT TORQUAY.

The Mid-Devon Branch held an enjoyable meeting in Torquay on October 30th, when members and friends attended from Newton Abbot, Torquay, Paignton, Brixham, Dartmouth, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth.

The bells of Torre Parish Church were well utilised during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Porter), who gave an excellent address.

After tea at the Belgrave Cafe, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the president and general secretary.

A letter was received from Mr. Cecil Pipe, of Grundisburgh, asking for support towards the restoration of his bells, and the meeting decided to do its best.

The election of one associate member was confirmed, and the programme for 1949 was produced and adopted, this being as follows: February 7th, Bovey Tracey; April 23rd, Paignton; June 25th, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at Buckfast Abbey; August Bank Holiday, outing to Dartmouth; July 23rd, Brixham; August 27th, special meeting at Highweek or Wolborough; October 29th, Dartington and Totnes; all subject to permission being obtained. Arrangements were also made for visits to neighbouring towers during the remainder of this year.

Regret was expressed at the forthcoming departure of Mr. Norman Mallett, of Ashburton, to Axminster, and a welcome was extended to Mr. Gardner, of Brixham.

The Vicar of Torre reported that owing to difficulties in the neighbourhood it was not always possible for his bells to be rung on Sundays, and after a discussion it was resolved that the branch should arrange to ring for evening service on the second Sunday in each month, the question of any ringing in the week being left in the hands of the Branch Committee.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

5,280 By A. J. PITMAN.

2345678	M	B	W	H	Methods
43652	—				LSL
56234	—		—		SPSPSPS
63254			2	3	LSBLBB
42356	—			—	LCL
35426	3		—	—	LBBCCSC
43526				—	LCCSP
52436	3		—	—	LBBCCSP
45236				—	LCL
62534	—			—	LBBBBBBB
23645		x			CSCS
63542	—				SSSSCPPP
24536	—		—	—	PPPSCSP
32546			—		LSL
24365	2		2		LBLLLLLBL
53462	—			—	LSL
64235	—		—		PSCSPPP
36245			—		PPPCSSS
36452		x		—	SCSC
45362			—	—	BBBBBBBL
34562				—	LCL
25463	—		3	—	PSCCBBL
42563				—	PSCCL
23564	—		3	2	PSCCBBLB
52364			3	—	LCBBL
32465	—				PSCCL
64523	—		—		PSCSPPP
25346	—		—		PPPSCSP
34256			—	—	LCCSP
23456	3			—	LBBCL

1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, 1,024 each Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey. By the omission of first three bobs Wrong and six leads between the peal will consist of 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each Superlative, Bristol and Pudsey. Full work for each bell in all the methods. This composition is the first in the five methods on this plan.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. All tickets sold. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 2, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4, also St. Mary Magdalen's, Holloway, at 12 noon for members arriving in London in the morning. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meetings at 4.30. 4282

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Meeting at Chilham, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4307

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lindfield (8), Nov. 13th. Tea, notify Mr. Drew, The Tiger, Lindfield, Sussex. Look up Yorkshire Major and Oxford Bob Triples.—C. Bassett. 4318

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District. — Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, no arrangements, but can be obtained locally. Business in the Walker Hall at 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4316

HAMPTON, NEAR EVESHAM.—Dedication of the new peal of eight at St. Andrew's, Hampton, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. 4320

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, District Sec. 4329

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bronllys, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 4321

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District. — Newton-in-the-Isle (6), Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food). —W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4336

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston (8) on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Bells open 3.15.—P. W. Cave, District Sec. 4254

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Aldeby, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea to F. Gunton, 12, Church Lane, Wheatacre, Beccles, by Oct. 17th.—J. Harwood, Sec., Great Yarmouth. 4317

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Balderton (5), Nov. 20th, 2.30. Service. Those requiring tea must notify Peter N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark, by 13th. (No name: alas a hungry ringer!)—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 4323

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Drayton, Nov. 20th. Good bus service. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 4322

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Hitchin, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. E. Symonds. 4327

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4331

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Eastham (6), Nov. 20th. Tea free for those notifying by 16th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4358

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Steep (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Nov. 17th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 4357

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Dunstable (8) on Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Nov. 16th. — Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4356

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8 bells), Nov. 20th. 2.30 p.m. Tea provided. Names by 16th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4361

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Clapton-in-Gordano, Nov. 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4355

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Goole, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify by Wednesday, 17th. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole. 4353

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Nov. 20th, 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5. Business 5.45.—R. H. Begrie, District Sec. 4342

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Cranbrook, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe. 4344

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Norton, near Evesham, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Names for tea by Nov. 15th to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 4349

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Saturday, Nov. 20th, meeting at Wheathamstead (6), 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Look up Double Court and Norfolk.—T. J. Southam 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4319

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District quarterly meeting at Heckington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (2) available 5 p.m. 4345

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at Godstone (8), Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 for those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 17th, J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted. 4352

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Thakeham (6), Nov. 20th, 3. Names for tea by 17th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4346

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Buckden, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4348

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch. — A meeting will be held at Chetton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 17th. Coach leaves High Street, Bridgnorth, at 2.45 p.m., returning in time to catch all connections.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4363

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar to all who notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 24th. — B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 4360

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Coseley (not Rowley), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers by Nov. 23rd.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4351

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Nov. 27th. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss R. M. Davies, 23, Beatrice Court, Wembley, by Nov. 25th. Willesden bells available in evening.—D. E. Lidbetter. 4350

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Nov. 24th, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Meeting, Snodland (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Dilton, Kent. 4359

BIRMINGHAM. — On Oct. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. E. Haynes (cond.) 1, Miss Evelyn Fletcher (first on ten bells) 2, J. Scott 3, A. Walker 4, S. O'C. Holloway 5, G. W. Critchley 6, G. E. Fearn 7, J. F. Harvey 8, J. Pinfold 9, W. T. Froggatt 10.

PINCHBECK, LINCS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Chenery 1, A. J. Farr 2, Miss G. Robinson 3, W. A. Richardson 4, C. Wander 5, T. H. Charlton 6, C. H. Whitton (first 'inside') 7, J. G. Ames (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Freeman 1, E. Smith 2, N. Tanner (cond.) 3, A. Street (first quarter) 4, J. Cook 5, J. Smith 6.

STONEY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Dillow 1, J. Higgins 2, H. Tompkins 3, H. Edwards 4, E. Yates 5, J. Chance 6, E. C. Lambert (cond.) 7, T. Trasler 8.

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CARE OF BELLS

EVERY parochial church council in the country should have a copy of the latest publication of the Central Council—a handbook on the installation, preservation and repair of bells, bell frames and fittings, and it is only right and proper that a copy should be in each belfry for consultation by the towerkeeper and captain of the local ringers. The care of church bells has been constantly in the mind of the Central Council. This handbook was first published in 1891 in the days when Sir A. Percival Heywood was president, and there is no question that it fulfilled its purpose in bringing about a more watchful eye on the hundreds of pounds of Church capital invested in the belfry.

A second edition was published nearly 40 years later, and a third edition, the work of Messrs. E. H. Lewis, W. Osborne, F. Sharpe and E. A. Young, is available this week. In the light of modern experience and knowledge the first part of the handbook has been re-written and a new chapter introduced giving fuller information about the forces set up by swinging bells and their effect on the tower. Greater stress has been laid on the importance of sound control, both inside and outside the tower, in view of the increased sensitiveness of the public to sound.

Cracked bells are rarely due to any cause but *carelessness*. The handbook points out a number of avoidable causes of cracked bells such as the dangerous and slovenly practice of clocking; the hollow worn in the sound-bow becoming too deep (this can be prevented by 'quarter turning'); chiming hammers or clock hammers either too heavy or fixed carelessly; unskilful hands 'bumping' a stay too strong to break. Clappers must not be permitted to drop by wear so as to strike below the centre of the sound-bows of their respective bells or the result may be fatal. This drop usually arises from neglecting to keep the pin of the clapper joint greased or by neglecting to rebush the clapper heads when necessary.

A popular misconception is that a ring of bells hung on up-to-date principles, with cast iron headstocks and iron frames, does not require any attention except to lubricate the main bearings. No matter how good the job is and how careful the bellhanger, nuts will slack. As to lubrication, 'a little and often' should be the motto. The gudgeons are not the only parts that need attention in this respect; the ground pulleys, the crown staple-pins on which the clappers swing and the sliders seldom get the attention they should.

The chapter on the means of controlling the sound of bells is of special interest in view of the frequency with which problems arise. The cure of too much sound outside the tower is not a great expense. The main principle is to allow the sound to escape upwards through spare windows or special openings on the roof of the tower, or, failing these, from as high a point in the belfry as possible. All belfry windows should be blocked to a point well above the lips of the bells when 'set.' In towns, where the evil is most acute, the most effectual way of damping the sound of bells is by almost entirely blocking up the sound-windows inside with 9 inch or 14 inch brickwork rising to the spring of the arch-heads; in the case of a square-headed window to within a foot of the top. In country places a milder measure than permanent blocking will probably suffice and may be found in 1 inch boarding lined with Cabot's Quilt or some other sound-resisting material, and filling up the window-space behind the louvres nearly to the top. Unlined boards are useless. Copies of the handbook can be obtained from the Hon. Librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton), Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	ARTHUR JONES	7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP...	2	NOEL J. DISERENS ...	8
*SYLVIA COKER	3	ALBERT DISERENS ...	9
*DOREEN COKER	4	REGINALD REX	10
RALPH COLES	5	EDWARD R. COLES ...	11
ROLAND BIGGS	6	*WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* First peal on 12 bells.

LONDON, W.C.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	THOMAS BEVAN	7
GEORGE H. CROSS ...	2	GEORGE W. STEERE ...	8
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ...	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ...	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	5	REUBEN SANDERS	11
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
To celebrate the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews. Also a birthday peal to Mrs. G. H. Cross.

TEN BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

*DENNIS BERESFORD (14)	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ...	6
AUBREY M. PICKERING...	2	ALAN ELSMORE	7
*JEFFREY B. WEBB (16)...	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	8
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*PETER BERESFORD (14)...	5	WILLIAM WALKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Caters and of Stedman for the wedding of Mr. Ernest S. Auger (Wisbech) and Miss Barbara M. Sawyers (Walsall).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MISS STELLA P. WAIN...	*Treble*	FRANK ARROWSMITH ...	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
NEVILLE A. BROWN ...	3	‡ROY BROOME	7
†JEAN C. BROWN	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HARRY PRATT	*Treble*	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ...	5
MISS H. G. SNOWDEN	2	HARRY G. FELTON ...	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ...	7
*JOHN WARNER	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	5
BENJAMIN GREATOREX ...	2	*HAROLD TAYLOR ...	6
EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	3	*PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	7
DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	4	GIRLING RIGBY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON ...	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS	5
*WILLIAM J. BARRETT ...	2	HARRY TURNER	6
ALB. G. BARTHOLOMEW	3	JOHN SITCH	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	4	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Double Norwich. In honour of the birth of a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sitch.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF HALE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	3	ALBERT E. WHITING ...	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
This method by W. Wightman is rung for the first time.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *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 16 cwt.

*T. PETER FRANKLIN ...	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
WALTER F. JUDGE ...	2	WILLIAM JUDGE	6
EDWIN G. MOORE ...	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
PHILIP WALKER	4	WILFRED CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
H. Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*THOMAS SMITH	*Treble*	*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	5
JOAN M. WEBSTER ...	2	JAMES H. COOKE	6
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER...	3	*ARTHUR K. HUMPHREYS	7
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANS	*Treble*	†ANN SMITH	5
*JOHN KAPE	2	WALTER AVERY	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	‡ANTHONY E. COX ...	7
ARTHUR NEWTON	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

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On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HUBERT WRIGHT ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT HANCOCK	5
W. GEORGE TURNER ...	2	JOE GREENWOOD	6
SYDNEY H. BARRON ...	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
*LEONARD SCHOFIELD ...	4	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the 35th anniversary of the opening of the bells and a 34th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR HOODLESS	...*Treble*	*HARRY ROGERS	5
*PATRICK PRESTON ...	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
PERCY E. BALL	3	WALTER NICHOLS ...	7
THOMAS WHEAT	4	FREDK. A. SALTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the Memorial to the men of the parish who gave their lives in the World War, 1939-45. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

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On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. HEATH ...	5
*DONALD G. CLARKE ...	2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM...	6
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM...	3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ...	7
GEORGE LARGE	4	FREDERICK WHITFIELD	...*Tenor*

J. J. Parker's Six-part. Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. To celebrate the jubilee of the dedication of the church. Tenor 15 cwt.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 2, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER...	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	2	DEREK R. JUDD	6
*ARTHUR T. PARKER ...	3	WILLIAM H. COLES ...	7
FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	4	FRANK MILLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' 200th peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

COLIN HARRISON ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	3	*EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	7
*DAVID H. ANSTEY ...	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov 3, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JAMES L. WRIGHT	...*Treble*	ALBERT HEYWOOD ...	5
ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	2	*JOHN ASHCROFT	6
*MISS MURIEL REAY ...	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
EVEREST FORD	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal in method. To celebrate 60 years of ringing by John Potter and John Denner, of Walkden. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. Pitman's Odd Bob and Single 20-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT J. PITMAN	...*Treble*	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	ALFRED W. HEATH ...	6
*ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK...	7
ROBERT E. COLES ...	4	*WILLIAM T. PETTY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Stedman.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT H. WARD	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...	5
GIRLING RIGBY	2	PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	6
DAVID H. ANSTEY ...	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	7
*WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* First peal in the method. Fastest peal on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FRED HORSFIELD ...	...*Treble*	†EDWARD SEED	5
*BARRY CORBISHLEY ...	2	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	6
JOHN WORTH	3	†HEDLEY WOOD	7
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	4	‡HAROLD BROUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.
* First peal in method. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MAURICE BENNETT	...*Treble*	†AUBREY D. MILLS ...	5
†MRS. R. RICHARDSON...	2	†HORACE BENNETT ...	6
†FRANK TAYLOR	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
‡STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	4	CYRIL WANDER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford T.B. Major. ‡ First peal of Oxford T.B. Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

LOUTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

JOHN WALDEN ...	...*Treble*	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	JOHN S. MASON	6
KENNETH W. MAYER ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
FREDK. W. STOKES ...	4	JOHN FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's Composition. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

LAURENCE POULSON	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. WHITING ...	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS...	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	6
THOMAS BIRD	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	7
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	4	LESLIE G. BRETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* 250th peal and 40th peal this year.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*LOLA M. CALLOW	...*Treble*	WILLIAM COLLETT ...	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	†W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	†WILLIAM H. MALE ...	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Tenor 15 cwt.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

*SIDNEY H. JONES...	...*Treble*	*KEITH HUDSTON	5
WILLIAM P. DEANE ...	2	WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	6
JACK BAILEY	3	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	7
DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	4	*ALFRED MOULD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells and for the Guild. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Key.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ...	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ...	2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS	6
*FREDERICK ELLIOTT ...	3	ERNEST C. STAFF	7
†CHARLES CATCHPOLE ...	4	W. ARCHIE LOCKE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	6
PERCY PAGE	3	HARRY PARKES	7
WILFRED W. RING ...	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
The first peal in the method, which is Carter's No. 3 (2nds place L.E.) in Corrigan's unnamed Surprise Collection. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*BRYAN C. STIRLING	...*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES ...	5
E. JOAN SALMONS ...	2	JOHN W. MEADE ...	6
ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	7
JOSEPH MERRITT	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLAKENHALL HEATH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Oct. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one Morris's 240 and 40 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE ...	...*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL	3
P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	2	MAURICE G. TURNER ...	4

GEORGE W. HUGHES ...*Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
An extent each of Netherseale, London, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
BETTY SPICE	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 100th peal and 50th as conductor.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*PATRICIA M. BATKIN ...	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. HARNETT...	4
*MURIEL V. TASSELL ...	2	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ...	5
ALFRED W. BODIAM ...	3	*MAURICE G. WHITE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.
* First peal. First peal in two methods by all the band.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*HELEN GORRINGE	...*Treble*	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ...	4
†LESLIE W. JARVIS ...	2	*LAWRENCE T. POPE ...	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	3	FRANK H. HICKS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal in seven methods. † 75th peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

STANLEY HARLOW ...	...*Treble*	RONALD SHARP	4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
BETTY SPICE	3	REGINALD WEST ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
The methods and numbers of extents of each are as follows:—Accrington (1), Place (1), St. Simon's (10), Plain Bob (16), Reverse Canterbury (14). Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

KEN HARTLEY ...	...*Treble*	DEREK WHITFORD	3
STUART SMITH	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON...	4
ROGER LEIGH ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	4
*MRS. EDITH BASSETT ...	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ...	5
JAMES J. BASSETT	3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to E. John Relfe and Miss D. V. Baker.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 15 methods. (1) Wavertree and College; (2) Double Court and Single Court; (3) Hereward and Double Bob; (4) Cambridge; (5) Kent and Oxford; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall; St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	4
ARTHUR ROLFE	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	5
WALLACE COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
First peal in 15 methods by all. First peal in 15 methods ever rung for the Ely Association.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST H. MASTIN	...*Treble*	WALLACE COUSINS	4
CLAUDE COUSINS	2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	5
EDWARD BARKER	3	CECIL EBBERSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	...*Treble*	JOHN J. MORRIS	4
*EILEEN M. CHENEY ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	3	GERALD F. BALL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* A birthday compliment and her first peal of Minor.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

DEREK WHITFORD ...	...*Treble*	KEN HARTLEY	4
JIM TAYLOR	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON...	5
STUART SMITH	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

(Peals continued on page 502.)

ASHFORD, KENT. — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Huckstepp 1, P. Page 2, T. Cullingworth 3, W. W. Ring (first as cond.) 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, C. W. Everet 6, H. S. Wickens 7, D. Godden 8.

BANGOR, CAERN.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Roberts 1, Miss K. M. Ruffell 2, L. G. Pitman 3, J. R. Wilson 4, Thos. Jones 5, V. Child 6, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. Flood. First quarter-peal on bells since restoration.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Joan Grant 1, Miss Joy Davis 2, W. A. Swift 3, W. A. J. Carter 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. A. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, A. J. Culley 8.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS. — On Oct. 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Lister 1, T. Goodchild 2, G. Martin (cond.) 3, E. Sutton (first in method) 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, E. E. Gosling 7, E. Eldridge 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Oct. 31st, at St. Modwen's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Inwood 1, Jill Cochrane (first 'inside') 2, T. Price 3, H. Cornwell 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, A. Skelton 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 31st, at St. Andrew's, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. M. Freeman 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, J. B. Rowsell 3, M. R. D. Harford 4, P. T. Robbins 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, G. Dodds 7, J. Freeman (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor: W. White (cond.) 1, P. Simpson 2, A. Lygo 3, J. Hayes 4, E. Dale 5, Leslie Henson (first 'inside') 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Henson.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 31st, at All Saints', 1,480 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, M. Chilcott 2, H. Belcher 3, P. Small 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Allsop 6, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 7, J. W. Stephenson 8, J. E. Chilcott 9, F. H. Crook 10. First of Treble Bob Royal by 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9.

QUARTER PEALS

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS. — On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. Castle 1, F. Cooper (first quarter) 2, W. H. Parker 3, R. Elliot 4, C. Fennell 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of D. Mason, of the local band.

GROBY, LEICS.—On October 4th, 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob: Enid Brown 1, W. E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, T. Isom 4, V. Geary (cond.) 5, Ern. Geary 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Oct. 31st, at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Colin Arnett (13, first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Munday 2, Mrs. Hazelden 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, S. Breeze 5, R. Kenward 6, F. Oldroyd 7, E. Lee 8, C. Hazelden (cond.) 9, F. Radford 10. First on 10 bells for 4 and 6.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Taylor 1, E. Razzell 2, H. Parsons 3, L. Penfold 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (cond.) 7, W. Hunt 8.

IGHTHAM, KENT. — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. J. Strood (first quarter) 1, Edna M. Sills 2, A. V. Kemp 3, S. Whiteway (first of Minor) 4, S. King (first of Minor 'inside') 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila E. Harris 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, E. Dodds (first in method) 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, D. J. Charnley 7, F. Hopgood 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, C. A. Hughes 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, H. J. Ranzetta 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Bullock 9, A. B. Wiffen 10.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Hair 1, W. Woodward 2, H. Hillman (first 'inside') 3, F. Sharpe 4, W. H. Curson (cond.) 5, H. Shaw 6.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. B. Dent (cond.) 1, Miss E. Peckett 2, E. Lawrence 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, M. Rutterford 5, G. Miller 6. First quarter on the bells and first quarter by all except the conductor.

POOLE, DORSET. — On All Saints' Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Hendley 1, I. Davis 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, W. G. Young 4, W. H. Houlton 5, R. H. True (6), F. Precey (cond.) 7, E. Roper 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Ormerod 1, S. K. Taylor 2, J. Knight 3, W. Bamford 4, J. Barlow (first quarter) 5, F. Appleton (cond.) 6, H. D. Mills 7, T. L. Borrett 8.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Boomsma (first of Caters) 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, A. H. Worboys 3, T. G. Fox 4, G. J. Boomsma 5, C. W. Ridgway 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, A. T. Boomsma 8, J. H. Boomsma 9, E. J. Rowe 10. First Caters 'inside' 3 and 6.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Drury 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, R. Parker 3, F. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (first as cond.) 5. First quarter by 1, 2 and 4.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At All Hallows' on Nov. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, D. F. Parsons 2, Miss J. A. England (first in method) 3, Miss M. A. Prockson 4, R. Newman 5, Capt. E. F. M. Sampson 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. F. Warren (cond.) 8. For the christening of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hughes (both local ringers).

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Harris (first of Minor) 1, L. Vickery 2, J. Hatchin (first 'inside') 3, G. Perry 4, R. Harris 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. F. Godsmark 1, P. F. Romney (first quarter) 2, Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 3, C. H. Wickens 4, G. A. Packham 5.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. E. Jeffries, whose 100th peal is recorded this week, has called first peals of Yorkshire, Belgrave and Pudsey Surprise Major for the Bedfordshire Association, and also the first for the Association, in 12, 14, 16 and 21 methods of Minor. His 100 should make good reading. Congratulations!

Mr. Stanley Gilbert has 'circled' Holywell, Hunts, tower.

We have had a request for the figures of the composition of the peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Melton Mowbray on Sept. 25th.

Alverstoke was the 150th different tenor that Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has 'turned in' to a peal. This was his 25th peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung on 24 different tenors.

Mention has previously been made of the band of youngsters in the Wirral branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Their latest exploit is a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Bebington. With an average age of 20 they believe they are the youngest band to ring a peal of Surprise Major for the Guild.

Four of the band—T. Smith, A. W. Cusick, C. B. Pemberton and A. K. Humphreys—have only been ringing just over 12 months, but have all recorded peals of Minor 'inside' up to seven methods. C. B. Pemberton has rung 'inside' to a spliced peal of 18 Surprise Minor methods.

Visitors from Felpham, Goring, Storrington and Worthing joined with Chichester Cathedral band in ringing for the annual parish choirs festival in the Cathedral on October 30th. Before the service 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by R. Burchett 1, Myrtle Cass 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, W. R. Falconer 4, E. Treagus 5, R. P. Wood (cond.) 6, H. C. Weaver 7, F. S. Smithers 8. First quarter on eight bells for 1 and 2.

Mr. James George is attempting another handbell peal for his 95th birthday on Saturday, November 27th. We all wish the oldest surviving veteran ringer every happiness on his natal day. Mr. George's last tower-bell peal was at Enderby on August 24th, 1939, at the age of 85.

Messrs. R. Newman and G. Charge rang their 100th quarter-peal together at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, N.7, on Oct. 24th.

Watlington, Oxon, tower was the 100th in which Mr. Walter F. Judge has rung a peal. The peal on November 6th was a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. A. H. Wilkins, the wife of the ringer of the seventh.

It was Victor Savage and not Frederick Savage who scored his first peal of Minor at Chilcompton, Somerset, on October 11th. The conductor proffers his apologies to all concerned.

Canon G. F. Coleridge celebrated his 91st birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 10th. On the advice of his friends he decided not to risk attending the College Youths dinner last Saturday. His letter stated that he was much better.

Armed with bell ropes and a large quantity of oil, seven members of the Lincoln Cathedral company, with John S. Mason, Birmingham, assembled on November to ring a peal on the magnificent heavy eight of Louth, Lincolnshire. It was over 28 years since a peal was rung on these bells, and after forcibly opening the caps to the bearings the Birmingham friend declared it seemed probable that it was over 28 years since these were oiled! Forethought was rewarded by a good peal of London Surprise in 3 hours 28 minutes. It was the 100th peal together for Charles McGuiness and John Walden, and the conductor's (Mr. Jack L. Millhouse) 50th peal this year.

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MARRIED COUPLES' PEAL OF CINQUES

First in Ringing History

THE first peal on twelve bells to be accomplished by six married couples was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester, on October 30th. As reported in another column, it was a peal of Stedman Cinques and was rung at the first attempt.

The idea was suggested nearly two years ago, but the parties agreed to wait until October 23rd, 1948, for the occasion to be as near as possible to the silver wedding dates of two couples. Within a few weeks of the appointed date, however, it was found permission could not be given owing to the Leicester Diocesan Festival, and so the attempt was postponed by one week.

Families connected with the project and with their length of matrimonial commitments are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, 26 years.
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, 25 years.
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 25 years.
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, 21 years.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, 11 years.
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, 10 years.

It will be noticed in the peal report that the ringing order was so arranged that each husband stood 'opposite' each wife, this apparently dispelling any fear of causing embarrassment. After a few rounds and the usual final preparations, the bells were rung into changes at twelve minutes past two o'clock, and each ringer, with full determination for success, maintained an even beat throughout until the final call was made at fifty-four minutes past five o'clock. The performance will be cherished by all the band, and a special word of praise must be accorded to the ladies, who rang their bells in excellent manner.

A suggestion was made, before the attempt, and with a certain timidity, that the peal be rung for the Ladies' Guild by electing the 'outsiders' as honorary ringing members, thus enabling the Guild to record its first peal on twelve bells. Although this was not unanimously agreed to, there is a hope that some relevant item will appear on the agenda paper of the next annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. (Is Kate in retirement?)

Following the performance, Mr. and Mrs. Poole kindly entertained the party to dinner, after which mine host welcomed the visitors and said that no doubt all were pleased at the successful conclusion of the peal and that he thought Leicester Cathedral contained the best ring of twelve bells on which to attempt the record. Mr. Matthews replied with thanks on behalf of the visitors and remarked that he was sure never before had six husbands with their wives been together in the same room for over three hours with so few words being spoken (a silent tribute to the men, of course). Upon the dinner table was a 'wedding compliments' cake, made by Mrs. Poole, suitably iced and decorated with a tower (christened Evesham by the party) and six pairs of bells. Mrs. Deal was chosen to cut the cake, which she performed unaided.

A social evening then ensued, the numbers being swelled by several local ringers, when handbells were rung in courses and touches up to Cambridge Surprise Royal and Stedman Cinques.



The couples from left to right, starting from the back row, are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Matthews, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Deal.

The whole band would like to record, through the medium of the Press, its thanks to the Provost of Leicester Cathedral for permitting the attempt to be made, and the visitors would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Poole for their most generous hospitality.

T.J.L.

DEDICATION

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Sussex, are now in good going order, having recently been retuned and rehung with all new ballbearing fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The rededication of the bells took place on October 10th at the morning service by the Bishop of Chichester. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, rounds were rung by the six youngest members of the band as follows: Mary Brown 1, F. Taye 2, H. Brown 3, D. Hebbett 4, S. Brown 5, K. Sharpe 6. After the service, as the congregation were leaving, a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

In the afternoon and for evening service touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung by the local band and visiting ringers.

North Staffordshire Assn.

A NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT.

'Taking everything into consideration, there has been a noticeable improvement in the standard of ringing,' reported Mr. W. Carnwell in his report presented at the annual meeting of the Association at Bucknall on Nov. 6th.

'Peals have been rung in the more advanced methods, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Audley, the first to be rung by a resident band of the Association.

Twelve meetings had been held during the year, all being well attended with an average of 41 per meeting. During the year the sub-committee had met and made certain recommendations in the revision of rules. These, it is hoped, will be submitted in January for approval.

The second annual outing was held on June 12th, when towers in the Wirral Branch area were visited. The report recorded with regret the death of Mr. J. Burrows, of Uttoxeter, who at one time was a very active member. Nineteen resident ringing members, two honorary members and eight life members had been elected.

Peals rung numbered 22 and nine members rang their first peal. Conductors were C. H. Page 4, N. R. Holland 4, C. S. Ryles 3, A. W. Hall 2, J. G. Cartlidge, W. P. Dean, D. A. Anstey, J. Jolley, F. W. Grocott, jun., D. R. Whalley, John Worth, A. Moore and W. Carnwell one each.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £66 2s. 6d. after making grants to Wolstanton, Uttoxeter and Newcastle.

Officers elected for 1939 were as follows: Chairman, R. S. Anderson; hon. secretary, W. Carnwell; assistant hon. secretary, W. Edwards; treasurer, E. Steele; auditor, J. G. Cartlidge; Ringing Master for eight and ten-bell towers, F. Wilshaw; Ringing Master for six-bell towers, F. W. Grocott, jun.

Meetings approved for 1949 were: January, Newcastle; February, Longton; March, Cheadle; April, Audley; May, Leek; June, Kingsley; July, Stone; August, Cheddleton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Wolstanton; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke.

A vote of thanks to the secretary for his work was proposed by Mr. A. W. Hall, seconded by Mr. D. Whalley. The secretary, in his reply, thanked all members for their support and co-operation during the past year.

With the idea of getting all their members (most of whom are learners) through their first quarter, Farnborough, Hants, ringers attempt a quarter on the first Sunday of each month. So far this year they have had four successes out of eight attempts and each one, writes the conductor (Mr. G. Sidney Joyce), has had at least one first quarter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tenors & the Speed of a Peal

Dear Sir,—About to 'tenor' my first peal last Saturday (which we eventually got, 3 hours 17 minutes), naturally I was very interested in what ringers like Mr. Simpson, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Hibbert have to say regarding 'the speed of a peal.' Whilst our tenor, 20 cwt., is hardly comparable to 28½-30-31 cwt. tenors, I think a more important factor was missed—the relative weights of front end to back end and the size of wheels. In the case of our ring the first five of the front end are 4 cwt., the sixth 5 cwt., seventh 8 cwt., eighth 9 cwt., ninth 13 cwt., tenor 20 cwt.

Mr. Haynes says 'one of the secrets of good striking, even on light rings, is work on the part of ringers, especially by the back-enders; if the tenors are allowed to dawdle at their own pace the ringing is almost bound to become slipshod and irregular'; but does it not also apply equally when the tenors ring too close; is it not also a matter of timing? I searched the articles for some guidance and found that neither Mr. Simpson nor Mr. Haynes would sacrifice proper control for speed; plus the proper placing of the band, which our conductor, Mr. R. D. Langford, wisely did. Thanks to the writers and the Editor for articles that 'make you think.'—Yours faithfully, W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

A CONVERT TO SLOW RINGING

Dear Sir,—I confirm the time of the peal at Bowdon as three hours fifty minutes. It was rung without any idea of encouraging or discouraging the correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' It just happened as a result of my suggesting that slow ringing helps to improve striking, particularly on this particular ring of bells. It certainly demands that the band knows the method despite what some correspondents write. You may be assured that the peal at Bowdon was well and truly rung and quite well struck despite the time.

I am glad the Somerset tour has raised interest in the speed of ringing which will no doubt have its effect on striking. I, personally, am converted to slow ringing as a result of the tour.—Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

BRISTOL AT GILMORTON

Dear Sir,—Re the report of peal of Bristol rung at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, October 23rd, 1948, as first on the bells, the first of Bristol there was rung on July 23rd, 1937. Mr. F. W. Perrins called it. Why does a band make such silly claims? It's easy enough to find out.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

Leicester.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—While thanking you for publishing my 5,280 Spliced Surprise Major in the issue of November 12th, I shall be obliged if you will kindly point out that following 23645 the methods on the next line should read SSSCPPP instead of SSSSCPPP.—Yours faithfully, A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot.

ARKLOW TENOR AND SEVENTH

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to say that the tenor of the eight at Arklow remains the same size, that is 22 cwt. But the peal rung there recently was, as your readers will have observed, one of Doubles. This peal was rung on 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, with 7 covering, and the weight of the 7th is about 15 cwt.

Trusting that this will ease your correspondent's mind.—Yours sincerely.

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinstown.

Nation-wide Appeals

Dear Sir,—A few years ago I sent out a country-wide appeal to all guilds and associations to take a retiring collection at branch meetings for a church in Northampton proposing to have new bells. Sixty-six branches responded, which I considered very gratifying. Similar appeals have since been sent out from towers in the neighbourhood of Ipswich and Somerset—and a very good idea too!

There are, however, those in the ringing fraternity who are very fond of bringing up the old bogey about 'charity begins at home, and if we have got any money to spare we should give it to towers in our own branches.' Ringers, least of anyone, should not think on those lines, seeing the hospitality they enjoy on outings in one another's areas.

Then there are those who think if they have given £10 out of their Guild Belfry Repair Fund towards a £700 or £800 job in their diocese they have done wonders, which entitles them to the right to control all the ringing of that tower, to say who is to ring peals. But this (to quote a former Vicar of my own parish) is a little element of 'trade unionism' which is dangerous and of which the Church has got to keep a watchful eye—it is the devil at work!

It is estimated that there are roughly 40,000 ringers in this country. If half that number gave only 1d. each the handsome total of £83 6s. 8d. would be produced. How encouraged this would make the promoters of any big scheme feel. And what if these schemes did crop up every month (as some fear)—what's a 1d. a month to any of us? Is it worth arguing about, even if it is in addition to the contribution to our own particular diocesan belfry repair fund? The wider issues surely outweigh such a narrow outlook.

Northampton. P. AMOS.

P.S.—At the time of writing I have in mind Grafton Regis, Northants (a parish of only 90 people), struggling to augment its bells from four to five and rehang the four. The Rev. H. B. Cartman is the Rector if any reader feels disposed to send a small donation. —P.A.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—Can anyone please tell me the total number of different true extents possible in Bob Minor and also in Kent Treble Bob Minor, including those with 6-5's at back?—Yours sincerely, G. SIDNEY JOYCE.

130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.

OBITUARY

FLYING OFFICER MARTIN A. BLAMEY.

Burnham, Bucks, band have received news of the death of yet another of their pre-war boys' peal ringing band in the service of his country. Martin lost his life when his machine was blown to bits in mid-air whilst on duty with the air-lift to Berlin. It will be remembered that his brother Peter (another of the boys' band), also in the R.A.F., lost his life during the war.

Both learned to ring at Burnham when the family came from Uxbridge in 1935; they also joined Burnham choir. Against Peter's 15 peals for the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Martin had scored 13, ringing his first, a local band peal, at the age of 15 on March 29th, 1937. His last peal was rung on April 10th, 1939, at Burnham, and was arranged for him and his brother on one of their R.A.F. leaves from Cranwell. Both boys were safe ringers and good strikers in many Minor, Triples and Major methods. They were both members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and also the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Martin's peal list is: Minor, four methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 6; Bob Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; total 13. Three of these were rung for the Oxford Guild and the remaining ten for the S.R.C.Y. G. G.

Mr. Robert H. Brundle

THE OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTH

The death of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, of Ipswich, on November 1st, at the age of 97, has deprived the Suffolk Guild of its oldest member. He was perhaps the oldest ringer in England, as he was born on September 18th, 1851. He was the oldest College Youth.

The possessor of a wonderful constitution, Mr. Brundle met with a chapter of accidents during the last few years. On several occasions after ringing a heavy-going tenor to a peal he has stumbled from the box and had to be revived with brandy.

Mr. Bob Brundle's first peal was Grandsire Caters at St. Mary-le-Tower on October 22nd, 1878, conducted by Dan Prentice. He rang in the record peal of 16,608 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 10 hours and 32 minutes at Debenham, Suffolk, on June 6th, 1892. The only survivor of this peal now is Frederick J. Tillett, of Ipswich, who rang the tenor.

On October 15th, 1938, he rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ipswich in three hours 48 minutes at the age of 87, being the oldest to ring this method on twelve bells. For the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild he rang 339 peals, including three on handbells. Besides these, he rang peals for other societies. In his long career he rang with five generations of the Tillett family in Ipswich.

The funeral took place at Ipswich Cemetery on November 5th, the service being conducted by Canon F. Mitton, Vicar of All Saints', Ipswich. A large number of his descendants attended and among the ringers present were Mr. Cecil W. Pipe (secretary, Suffolk Guild), Messrs. G. E. Symonds and W. J. G. Brown (St. Mary-le-Tower) and Mr. James Rose (St. Margaret's Society). The St. Mary-le-Tower Society sent a wreath as a tribute of esteem.

MR. HARRY BARTRAM.

The following appreciation comes from Mr. W. Smith, of Sydney, Australia:—

Mr. Harry Bartram was the driving force and source of instruction and encouragement to all ringers of the Framland Society when I joined as a youth in 1907 as a member of the Long Clawson band. He was a born instructor and conductor and had endless patience with young ringers who were eager to work and to study. In his own tower he was a wonderful host and enjoyed the company of visiting ringers.

I have happy memories of ringing with him in 1917-18 when I visited Melton as a member of the Australian Forces on leave from France. My last ring with him was a touch of Minor at a gathering of the Framland Society at Waltham in 1927—one of the highlights of my last holiday in England.

He did a great work for change ringing and his many ringing friends will hold him always in affectionate remembrance.

OUTING

NORTHAMPTON.

A party of 28 ringers and friends left Northampton at mid-day on November 6th for an enjoyable outing. At Deddington, the coach was met by Mr. George Deeley and an hour's ringing took place on the fine eight. Chipping Norton bells were 'up' on arrival, the party being welcomed by Mr. H. Cook.

On the way to Witney, a collision with a woman cyclist was averted by the promptness of the driver. Twenty minutes' ringing at Witney preceded tea at the Rhead Cafe. Woodstock, the last tower, had no stay to the 5th bell, and ringing was here limited to 45 minutes at the request of a harassed father who was having trouble with his baby.

In most peals that have been rung at St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, since 1922, Mr. C. H. Perry has taken a rope. His friends regret to learn that he has had to give up ringing on account of ill-health and that Mrs. Perry is an invalid. The sympathy of a wide circle is extended to them both.

Norwich Diocesan Association

PEAL BOOKING FEE DEBATED.

Principal business discussed at a general meeting of members at Norwich on November 6th was an addition to Rule 9 in the Association's rules:—

'A peal booking fee of 6d. shall be levied on each ringer taking part in a peal for the Association.'

Proposing this, Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master) said that the standard of the annual report must be kept up and this needed more money. Most of the cost of the report arose from the recording of peals; therefore, a contribution from the ringers of each peal seemed the best way of raising the money.

A lengthy discussion followed, and despite the fact that the proposal had met with favour at meetings of each of the four branches, other suggestions were advanced for keeping the accounts solvent. These included raising the annual subscription to 3s., giving voluntary subscriptions or making the reports more economical.

It was pointed out that some individuals and towers were not regular in paying their annual subscriptions, and that if these all looked on it as a duty to pay regularly, without waiting to be reminded, the difficulty would be largely met.

Members eventually did not feel that any of the alternative methods of overcoming the difficulty were better than the original proposition, and an overwhelming majority voted in favour of the proposition of Mr. Golden, seconded by Mr. George Bailey, that notice to this effect be given at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday, 1949.

On the proposition of the general secretary (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow), it was agreed to hold the annual meeting in a Norwich parish hall if possible, where the matter could be discussed at greater length.

Thirty-nine members attended and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

VISIT ASHBY, THE SCENE OF 'IVANHOE'

By the ruins of Ashby's famous castle stands the ancient but stately Parish Church of St. Helen, built in the year 1475 after William Lord Hastings had erected the castle nearby, immortalised in Scott's 'Ivanhoe.'

This church was the venue for the late autumn meeting of the above Guild, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from as wide an area as Wolverhampton, Leicester, Coleshill and Derby.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were successfully brought round before the company adjourned to Messrs. Radford's cafe for tea.

Following an excellent tea. Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary), in proposing a hearty vote of thanks, spoke of the continued generosity of the Vicar (Canon Hanford) and Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore (captain of the local band), stating that Mr. Beadsmoore joined the Midland Counties Association in 1890 and for 58 years had been a stalwart of campanology in the Burton area.

After a shortened evensong, the Vicar conducted the ringers round this historical church, pointing out the finger stocks where open penance—mentioned in the Commination Service—was practised. The old priests' room and the valuable church plate, some of which dates back to Elizabethan times, were also inspected.

Further ringing, which included Cambridge Surprise, brought this most successful meeting to a close.

Mr. Albert Relfe has 'circled' Lamberhurst tower for the 12th time. The occasion was the wedding of his son to Miss D. V. Baker, of Pembury. There were two 'firsts' in this peal. Mr. C. A. Bassett, hon. secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild, scored his first as conductor, and his wife her first peal.

From Zero to Stedman Cinques

THE HIGH WYCOMBE TWINS.

In the summer of 1945 a little dark-haired member of All Saints', High Wycombe, Girl Guides visited the local belfry during practice. Encouraged, she came again, and after two or three visits she brought her twin sister—the living image of herself. That started the question of the mixed identities of Doreen and Sylvia Croker.

Solution unhappily came the following spring whes Sylvia met with a serious accident to her



DOREEN AND SYLVIA CROKER.

right forearm while on the playing field. Undaunted she pluckily continued to attend the weekly practices, watching her sister's progress and endeavouring to keep pace with her on the handbells. It was not until eight months later that she was able to take a rope again. Then began a keen chase to catch up with her sister.

Early in 1947 Doreen rang the treble to Holt's Ten-part of Grandsire at the third attempt. A few months later, with Sylvia on the treble and Doreen on the third, Grandsire Triples was scored. Two failures for Grandsire Caters followed; meanwhile Stedman had received a lot of attention, and a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the first attempt, a second being rung for the Royal Silver Wedding.

By this time Plain Bob was well in the picture, and as a stepping stone to 12 bells a peal of Plain Bob Royal was obtained at the second attempt. After a little more 12-bell practice it was decided to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques in September. This failed in the tenth course. The next attempt, on October 31st, as our peal column records, was successful.

All the peals were rung at All Saints'. Thanks are due to members from outlying towers who have done their bit to help these young ladies along their way. F.H.

LICHFIELD. — At the Cathedral on Nov. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. F. Sedgwick 1, J. B. Webb (first quarter) 2, P. Beresford (first Grandsire) 3, D. Beresford 4, Joan Beresford 5, E. Elton 6, A. A. Rackham 7, L. Hodgetts 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. First on ten by 6 and 8.

Sixty Years a Ringer

Veteran of St. Werburgh's, Kingsley, Staffs, is Mr. Henry Carnwell (79), whose 60 years' membership of the local tower was commemorated by the presentation on October 23rd of a pipe, tobacco and a cheque, the gift of ringers, the Parochial Church Council and friends.

The presentation was made following a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Adey), the gifts being handed to Mr. Carnwell by Mr. W. Swift (churchwarden). In returning thanks, Mr. Carnwell said that Kingsley belfry was the happiest in England. They all pulled together; there was no room for strife.

Later in the ringing chamber Mr. A. W. Hall (Cheadle R.C.) added his congratulations and those of the North Staffs Association. There were now, he said, three ringers in the district who had completed 60 years' service, viz., Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, Mr. Wheeldon, of Bucknall, and Mr. Carnwell. He thanked Mr. Carnwell for the help he had given to many beginners. Mr. Carnwell was the only survivor of the band who rang the first peal on Kingsley bells in 1895.

Ringing during the day was of a high standard and included touches of London, Cambridge, Kingston, Wells and Durham Surprise Minor.

Mr. Carnwell has 44 peals to his credit, including Surprise in seven methods. His aim and ambition is to train his ringers for a regular Sunday service band, and he is always at his happiest in his belfry on Sunday mornings and evenings when there are no ropes to spare.

HALE SURPRISE MAJOR

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Method by W. Wightman

LINCOLN. — On Oct. 27th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Swann 1, J. Millhouse (cond.) 2, K. Mayer 3, F. Metham 4, H. Marcon 5, N. Chambers 6, S. Chambers 7, A. Hodgson 8. First quarter by 1 and 8.

SWINDON.—On Oct. 31st, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Tickner (first of Triples) 1, J. Berry 2, H. Bishop 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, S. Palmer 5, G. Gardiner 6, W. W. Daniell 7, W. Bullock 8.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Thomas W. Kimber	*Treble*	Victor Savage	4
*George Clare	2	Fred Savage	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Ronald G. Beck	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred Savage.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

F. Bernard Ditcher	*Treble*	Arthur Firth	4
J. Edward Cawser	2	†W. Eric Critchley	5
*J. Martin Thorley	3	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to the Rev. G. K. Dixon, Rector.

DILWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 1, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ronald H. Mewies	*Treble*	John W. Humphries	4
Frederick R. Harris	2	E. Peter Rock	5
William A. Theobald	3	Leslie Evans	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Theobald.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Jack Belsham	*Treble*	Donald Coombes	4
Mrs. C. G. Woodgate	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
William Perry	3	Gerald Frost	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. N. F. Southgate.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*E. Mary Bliss	*Treble*	Dorothy T. Richardson	4
Barbara Podger	2	†Reginald G. Hooper	5
*Eric J. Taylor	3	Jack R. Worrall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal. † First of Minor. A farewell to the rringer of the 5th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HEYDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 66 lb. in B.

Arthur J. E. Smalls	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	4
Walter C. Medler	2	*Herbert Laskey	5
George Sayer	3	*Walter J. Ford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in five methods. First peal in more than three methods on the bells.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs. Nov. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Dennis R. Best	*Treble*	Herbert Westlake	4
Frederick T. Locke	2	Reginald Beale	5
Frederick Welch	3	John T. Locke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald Beale.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwts.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	†John W. Moore	4
*Miss Evelyn Wright	2	Frederick W. Stokes	5
†Richard E. Manton	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by J. L. Millhouse.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.' † First Surprise peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and to William H. Barber, of Newcastle.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Bryan Sims	*Treble*	William Stapleton	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
C. Henry Harding	3	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew C. Sinfield.
First peal as conductor. Rung for the 16th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores (10 callings) and one Pitman's 240. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Cedric Gurmin	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	4
Frederick R. Harris	2	William A. Theobald	5
*Leslie Preece	3	E. Peter Rock	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Theobald.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 27, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. Ernest McGrath	1-2	John T. Dunwoody	3-4
		Frederick E. Dukes	5-6

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.
Rung in honour of the 50th birthday of the Association, which was founded on October 22nd, 1898.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct., 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
At 39A, High Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

Ronald H. Bullen	1-2	John A. Acres	5-6
Maurice J. Thurmott	3-4	Owen A. Needham	7-8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
Witness: Mrs. R. H. Bullen.
First peal on the bells.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 3, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of six extents of Plain Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor size 14 in F sharp.

A. Ernest McGrath	1-2	John T. Dunwoody	3-4
		Frederick E. Dukes	5-6

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three extents each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor size 14 in F sharp.

A. Ernest McGrath	1-2	John T. Dunwoody	3-4
		Frederick E. Dukes	5-6

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Danbury (6), Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4331

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Goole, Nov. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. 4353

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Nov. 20th, 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5. Business 5.45.—R. H. Begrie, District Sec. 4342

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Cranbrook, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe. 4344

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Norton, near Evesham, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 3 p.m. Service 5. 4349

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Buckden, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4348

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting at Wimborne Minster, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea, Gush's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Corfe Mullen bells also available. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 4341

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar to all who notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 24th. — B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 4360

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Nov. 27th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss R. M. Davies, 23, Beatrice Court, Wembley, by Nov. 25th. Willesden bells available in evening.—D. E. Lidbetter. 4350

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Whittlesey (two 8's), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4380

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Coseley (not Rowley), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers by Nov. 23rd.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4351

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Nov. 24th, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Meeting, Snodland (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4359

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, afterwards.—A. B. Peck. 4378

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting, East Brent, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells open 6.30 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Ringing Master. 4386

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge (St. Paul's, Staley), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea without fail to Mr. S. Hodgson, 111, Spring Bank Street, Stalybridge, by Nov. 23rd. — C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4362

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Nov. 27th, South Normanton (6). Bells available 3. Tea 5 (2s. per head). Names not later than Wednesday, Nov. 24th, to Mr. J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, Derbys. 4379

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hatfield, Nov. 27th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley. 4371

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's, Saturday, Nov. 27th, 2.30. Names to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, by 25th.—W. F. Sheraton. 4369

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—St. Werburgh's (6), Nov. 27th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Mary Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 4361

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, Nov. 27th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify Mrs. J. Drury, Jesmond Cafe, Broughton Astley, Leicester, by Thursday, Nov. 25th. 4384

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Meeting at Asfordby, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby. 4376

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual, Saturday, Nov. 27th, King's Lynn (10 and 8). Names for tea early, please.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 4374

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, Nov. 27th. St. Gregory's 2 till 4 p.m. and after tea; All Saints' 3.30. Service at All Saints' 4.40. Tea at Riverside Hotel, 5, followed by business. Important, please advise me for tea by Thursday, Nov. 25th.—A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 4383

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Annual, Newbury (10), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, by Nov. 24th. 4365

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Derby Cathedral (St. Andrew's not available), Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — W. A. Parsons, District Secretary. 4392

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4388

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Nov. 27th, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4366

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Braywood (5 bells), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 4381

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Kislingbury, Nov. 27th. Those requiring tea notify Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants, by Nov. 24th. No name no tea. 4389

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds 6, by Thursday, Nov. 25th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4390

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Priory, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea early to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 4393

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ewell, Nov. 27th.—Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 and meeting 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers and committee. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Nov. 25th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4373

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Romsey, Nov. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 23rd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 4368

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting. St. James', Taunton, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in schoolroom. Names early, please. Wilton bells 2.45 to 3.45.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 4387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Sparling, Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, not later than Dec. 1st.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Colchester. 4364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 4th, Leigh (just off Gloucester-Tewkesbury road). Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify for tea by Nov 27th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewksbury. 4372

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Room. Names for tea to George Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. 4377

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Social evening after ringing at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, if there is sufficient support. Please notify immediately to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4382

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Annual meeting, Bridport, Dec. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea (for those notifying by Nov. 27th) and meeting.—C. H. Lathey, Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport. 4360

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting, Bulwell (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. E. Pickering, 52, Bancroft Street, Bulwell, Nottingham. 4367

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Aberavon, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—F. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 4370

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—An anniversary dinner and reunion will be held in Cambridge on February 5th, 1949. Ringing from 2 p.m. Dinner (12s. 6d.) at the University Arms Hotel 7.30 p.m. All members wishing to be present should notify B. D. Threlfall, Trinity College, Cambridge, before Nov. 30th. 4385

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Copies of Association photograph taken at Scarborough general meeting now available, half-plate 1s. 9d.; full plate 3s., plus 3d. postage, on application to Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec. 4391

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THE 311th

WHERE tradition is on sound lines then its maintenance is likely to be perpetuated. This is the impression gained from the 311th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. To-day the College Youths can claim only four towers of their own in stricken London; yet the appeal of the Ancient Society is such that men from all over the country and even in British Columbia are proud to belong to this venerable body of ringers. The list of over 50 members who joined this year come mostly from afar. What are the prospects of a man living at, say Ambleside or Keswick, joining in the ringing of the Society or even attending the annual reunion dinner? They are practically nil. These people share in relatively few of the priyileges of membership; nevertheless they gain a sense of satisfaction in being inscribed on the membership scroll. They feel they are the modern counterpart of the Ancients of old—men of honourable estate and enthusiasts of the art of change ringing, some of whom performed prodigious feats.

To the privileged who were able to attend the 311th anniversary dinner it was a gathering steeped in the past. A consciousness prevailed of the inheritance of present day members. One of the great moments of the gathering was when those with 50 years' membership or more were honoured. Led by Mr. H. R. Newton, eleven men stood up—a testimony to the longevity of ringers. And those who were missing were present in spirit. From Crowthorne, Berks, came a letter from Canon G. A. Coleridge, whose 91st birthday took place three days before. For years he had graced the proceedings with his wit and sage advice—a veritable tower of strength and champion of the cause of the bellringer. Another whose mind tried hard to penetrate distance and picture the gathering at Pimm's Restaurant was Mr. James George, whose 95th birthday is to-morrow. From his chair at Parkstone, Dorset, he could recall those present with him who shared peal conquests in the heyday of his fame. Jimmy's letter was listened to with affection and particularly the concluding phrase: 'Considering my age and infirmity, I thank Almighty God for feeling so well.' Those words might well be echoed by every College Youth who holds dear the venerable past—a thankfulness in Almighty God for the continuance of the Society in strength and vigour.

Among the guests of the evening was Mr. Walter Ayre, the Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, another of our venerable ringing institutions with members in all parts of the country. This Society has this year a provincial master—a step which the College Youths had taken some years back. National societies, as both these institutions are to-day, cannot function truly without the selection of office-bearers on a wider residential qualification than the Metropolis. The presence of Mr. Ayre and his speech were grand contributions towards cementing friendship between these two societies. Kindred societies—more than that, kinsmen—while not sacrificing one jot or one tittle the individual pride in their respective societies, honour, welcome and respect members of the other. There is room in the Exercise for both these two big organisations and long may they flourish! This is an era when individual loyalty in all walks of life needs constantly to be brought to the fore. Members of the College Youths gave emphatic 'hear, hears' to Mr. Ayre's observations when he denounced those who went from one Society to the other. A loyalty to the Alma Mater in ringing should remain constant for life.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ALBERT M. TYLER	7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	2	NORMAN H. COOMBS	8
MARY P. HILLIAR	3	*CHARLES GREEDY	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	RAYMOND C. SEAGER	10
JOHN M. STALLARD	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	11
*JACK R. WORRALL	6	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.
* First peal of Cinques. The first peal on the 12 bells. The first 12-bell peal for the Association and in Wales.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	HAROLD A. MAY	8
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES	3	HARRY HOVERD	9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	KENNETH W. MAYER	10
FRANK B. LUFKIN	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
GEORGE W. STEERE	6	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOS. H. FRANCIS.
By ringing the second in the above peal Herbert E. Audsley has now circled the tower.

TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD J. HOLLOWAY	*Treble*	WILFRED KERR	6
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	GEORGE A. PACKER	7
G. HERBERT EDGE	3	J. WILLIAM EDGE	8
THOMAS W. LAMB	4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	9
RICHARD T. HOLDING	5	*W. FRANK STENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by R. D. LANGFORD.
* First peal. A birthday peal for the ringers of the 8th and tenor, who were both 60 years of age.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD	*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER	6
GEORGE E. OLIVER	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
MAURICE G. TURNER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5	ALAN ELSMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. S. EASTWOOD.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	†BRUCE B. ROGERS	7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	8
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH	4	FRED PRICE	9
FREDERICK PRECEY	5	HARRY GILLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Caters. † 25th peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ARTHUR MAWDESLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK GRUNDY	6
*MISS VERA DRAPER	2	*ALBERT GREENHALGH	7
†MISS M. RIDYARD	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	8
‡MISS BARBARA SMEDLEY	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	9
*MISS MURIEL REAY	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (229). Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal 'inside' in the method.
‡ First peal. Tenor 25 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DAVID BEVERIDGE	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	7
MAURICE HODGSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 12¾ cwt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	HENRY O. BAKER	5
JOHN HAYES	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	HARRY PYE	7
JAMES S. WEBB	4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal of London. A farewell to Canon A. W. Sarson, 23 years' Rector of this parish. Tenor 20 cwt.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	5
NOEL J. DISERENS	2	NEIL I. ALLNATT	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method by the band, for the Guild and in the county. Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
*WILFRED STEVENSON	3	*PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in method.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON, E.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MISS K. M. H. BRANSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	*ALBERT F. UDALL	6
CHARLES A. HUGHES	3	JAMES BULLOCK	7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	4	JOHN H. LOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal.

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HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Reversed. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARTHUR MADDOX ...	...*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	5
JAMES ROBINSON	2	WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	6
THOMAS ROBINSON ...	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ...	7
GEORGE H. HESKETH ...	4	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal Stedman Triples. In memoriam of Herbert Ludkin (died May 22nd, 1948) and John William Gardner (killed in action September 12th, 1943), both former ringers at this church.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ROY C. WEBB	...*Treble*	IVOR WERRETT	5
WILLIAM A. COLLINS ...	2	JACK DEAR	6
HORACE WERRETT	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ...	7
WALTER D. POOLEY ...	4	THOMAS WERRETT	*Tenor*

Parker's Twelve-part. Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.
First peal on the bells. In memoriam to Hilda Bailey, wife of Canon J. H. Bailey. R.I.P. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Containing 1,184 Cambridge, 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol and 1,376 Superlative, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D flat.

CYRIL VALENTINE ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM BARTON ...	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	3	*EDWARD JENKINS ...	7
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 of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun.. Nov. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JOHN LUNHAM ...	...*Treble*	DENNIS BOOTH	5
*SYDNEY FLINT	2	JOHN MCKEE	6
GEORGE SKELLAND ...	3	WILLIAM PILKINGTON ...	7
PHYLLIS BOOTH	4	WM. H. DEACON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.
* 103rd peal. A 70th birthday compliment to Sydney Flint.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IVAN KAY	...*Treble*	ISAAC GARTSIDE	5
VERNON SYKES	2	*FRED BUCKLEY	6
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ...	3	FRED DUNKERLEY ...	7
FRED MELLOR	4	PHILIP TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Arranged by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*SAM SCATTERGOOD	...*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
*F. BERNARD DITCHER...	2	*DENNIS HOLLAND ...	6
*GEORGE PRESTON	3	*BARRY HOLLAND	7
NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	4	HENRY HURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

FLORRIE WYMAN ...	...*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING ...	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	RAYMOND OVERY	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *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.

ERIC T. LEE	...*Treble*	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	5
*H. WILLIAM BARRETT...	2	HAROLD F. WOOD ...	6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ...	3	†WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	7
*ALFRED H. PULLING ...	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* Fiftieth peal together. † First peal in the method.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

*MRS. J. L. WILLIS-BETTS	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
DAVID ELLIOTT	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
STEDMAN SYMONDS ...	3	FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS	7
*JOSEPH T. CORDER ...	4	*GEORGE C. BULL... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK A. WILLIS-BETTS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor; first in the method on the bells; first in the method on tower bells by all the band.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CYRIL KINCH	...*Treble*	*IVOR D. HARRIS	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	2	*EDGAR J. SMITH	6
EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	3	GEORGE F. BURTON ...	7
WILLIAM J. CROSS... ...	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 21 cwt.

JACK SALWAY	...*Treble*	BRIAN PIDGEON	5
ARTHUR TAPLEY	2	GEORGE E. RETTER ...	6
CHARLES J. TURNER ...	3	JACK DEEM	7
JACK GLANVILLE	4	JACK ARBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
In honour of the golden wedding of the parents of the tenorman.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt. in E flat.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	*Treble*	CHARLES MARSHALL ...	5
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ...	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	7
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	4	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Bristol. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's One-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb.

MRS. V. LATHBURY	...*Treble*	E. E. HAWTHORNE ...	5
MRS. L. CROCKER	2	J. CROCKER	6
H. COLCOMBE	3	J. B. HESSEY	7
G. W. MORRIS	4	*T. WARDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. B. HESSEY.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ANTHONY H. BATES	...*Treble*	ARTHUR CROSS	5
*WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	2	WILLIAM HEXLEY	6
WALTER LEE	3	WILLIAM WELLING ...	7
†DAVID H. PEARCE ...	4	‡W. JOHN BURT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTHA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DAVID SMITH	*Treble*	*CECIL HOLDEN	5
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON	2	HARRY PARKER	6
MRS. CECIL HOLDEN ...	3	CECIL RADDON	7
ALBERT CRAWLEY	4	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	JOHN L. J. GILBERT ...	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK...	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HARRY NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE CASE	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	6
LESLIE BARRY	3	*GEORGE KILMINSTER ...	7
WILLIAM JONES	4	*CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday peal to Mr. S. Romans on his 80th birthday.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PETER J. EVES	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
WILLIAM BUTLER	2	CHARLES BURTON	6
HENRY PRATT	3	SYDNEY C. EASTER ...	7
RICHARD PORTWAY ...	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Butler, who has also completed 50 years' service at Witham. Tenor 18 cwt.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR. 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM DIXON	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
GORDON BENFIELD ...	2	FRED HODGSON	6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ...	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HARRY G. WAYNE... ...	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Day's Six-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY ...	*Treble*	ROY COLLIER	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ...	2	ARTHUR BURTON	6
*RAYMOND SCOTT	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
JOSEPH BOYER	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal. To celebrate the centenary of the church and 60 years' ringing at this church by John Potter and John Denner.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE	*Treble*	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER...	2	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ...	6
JOHN R. CRAMPION ...	3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER...	4	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. In memoriam of Mr. Thomas Langdon, who was buried this day. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM GORRINGE ...	*Treble*	LESLIE JARVIS	5
*MISS HELEN GORRINGE	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
ARTHUR LEWRY	3	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ...	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBT. T. LAMBERT.
* First peal in the method. In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards, Robertsbridge. Tenor 16½ cwt

SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON...	*Treble*	HAROLD HAYNES	4
*GLADWIN LE MARQUAND	2	*JOHN E. SKERRITT ...	5
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	3	PATRICK L. CHAPMAN...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Minor.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

ROBERT B. SMITH ...	*Treble*	HORACE S. MORLEY ...	4
*MISS M. R. GRAVES ...	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
†WILLIAM GRAVES ...	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*NORAH M. BIBBY	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	4
†JOHN BAILEY	2	*GEORGE H. RANDLES ...	5
HAROLD WORRALL ...	3	*DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Davenport, towerkeeper for 38 years.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOHN COVENEY	*Treble*	SYDNEY FINN	4
LEONARD FINN	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
GEORGE K. FINN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*DENNIS LOOKER	*Treble*	†JOHN E. MANNERS ...	4
†VICTOR GRIFFIN	2	PETER ANGER	5
CHARLES J. GARDNER ...	3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. H. F. Shepherd) on retirement.

(More peals on page 513.)

BACUP, LANCS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Williams 1, F. Kendal 2, G. Brown 3, H. Parkinson 4, A. Jackson 5, C. Clegg 6, A. Mills 7, L. J. Williams (cond.) 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,232 Grandsire Triples: A. Stovell 1, W. B. Judd 2, C. J. Champion 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, T. Arrow 6, F. J. Sanders 7, J. A. Pidgeon 8. First of Triples by 1, 3, 5 and 8.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allen 1, F. Windebank (first 'inside') 2, C. Pay 3, G. Norris 4, E. W. Read (cond.) 5, K. Windebank (first quarter) 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Corderoy 6, H. Aldridge 7 C. Corderoy 8.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Stephen's on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Philpott 1, C. E. Buesden 2, S. Walter 3, B. J. Luck (cond.) 4, J. Walter 5, S. White 6, T. H. Holmes 7, J. Stockbridge 8. Rung on the 24th anniversary of S. White's wedding.

CARDIFF. — At St. John-the-Baptist's on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Pellow (first quarter) 1, T. Yeomans 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, L. W. Prosser 5, A. W. Heath 6, A. Parnell (cond.) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Baker 1, J. H. Arlet 2, J. L. Morris (first of Doubles as conductor, age 12) 3. R. S. Goodchild 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, E. Winfield 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 780 Grandsire Doubles and 480 Bob Doubles: R. H. Mills 1, R. E. Woods 2, P. L. Eldridge 3. R. C. Turner 4, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, H. Whichcord (first quarter) 6. First quarter in two methods by the hand and on the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

GROBY, LEICS.—On November 7th, 1,080 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob. W. E. Geary 1, E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, Derek Dodson 4, P. Geary 5, Denis Dodson (cond.) 6. For the 31st wedding anniversary of the 2nd.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie 3, H. D. Butler 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, A. C. Wenban (first quarter) 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, H. G. Hart 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Lish 1, E. Morey 2, G. Paine 3, F. Parsons 4, E. Packham 5, G. Packham 6, B. White (cond.) 7, F. Cruttenden 8. First of Grandsire Triples 'inside' for 5 and 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Bob Minor): Miss W. M. Elliott (first quarter) 1, J. Papworth 2, F. Whiterod (first 'inside') 3, A. Mason 4, C. Burton 5, J. Elliott (cond.) 6. First quarter 'inside' for 3rd ringer.

NEWPORT, MON. — On Nov. 6th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, E. Stitch 2, D. Clarke 3, L. Bainham 4, G. Lewis 5, Rev. I. J. Richards 6, T. Roderick (cond.) 7, F. J. Whitfield 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Nov. 7th, quarter peal Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Turner (first quarter, aged 14) 1, B. Sadler 2, P. Sadler 3, J. Belsham 4, W. Perry 5, R. Brown 6. D. Coombes 7, F. Souter 8, F. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. Chambers 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Nov. 7th at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (640 London, 320 Bristol, 160 Cambridge, 160 Superlative): J. D. Harris 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmons 2, Miss H. Dale 3, E. F. Salmons 4, T. R. Taylor 5, F. W. Burnett 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. Thirty-six changes of method.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Cattell 1, F. Cattell 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, T. Clark 4, F. Bullock 5, R. E. Wenban 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Wenban (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob by 2 and 5.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Coveney (first quarter) 1, L. Finn 2, G. K. Finn 3, W. Cheeseman (first quarter) 4, S. Finn 5, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung on the 84th birthday of W. Cheeseman.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Lightfoot 1, A. D. Steel 2, Margaret Rigby 3, C. H. Page 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, A. Peake 6, W. P. Deane 7, N. A. Holland (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 4.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: Miss K. Burchnall 1, N. Moxon 2, Mrs. N. Moxon 3, F. Symonds (first quarter) 4, L. Rollinson 5, Miss G. Buchnall (cond.) 6, E. Midwinter 7, R. Sleep 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles (April Day and Grandsire): B. Flower 1, Miss A. Tibbott 2, Miss H. Prescott 3, G. M. Hasell 4, G. Comer 5, W. J. Prescott (cond.) 6. For 100th birthday of Mrs. Bartlett.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Packham (first quarter) 1, Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 2. G. A. Packham 3. C. H. Wickens 4, F. F. Godsmark 5. First of Doubles in 3 methods by all the band.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS.—On Nov. 7th, for a Masonic Service. 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Bro. Everest Ford (Bolton) 1, Bro. Arthur Tomlinson (Blackburn) 2, Bro. Tom Wilson (Blackburn) 3, Bro. John Booth (Standish) 4, Bro. James W. Grounds (Standish) 5, Bro. Edward Iddon (Bolton) 6, Bro. Peter Crook (cond., Bolton) 7, Bro. Peter Crook, jun. (Bolton) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At last Walkden, Lancs, has honoured its two veterans, John Potter and John Denner, who have rung together here for 60 years, in the fashion recognised by ringers. There has been no peal ringing on these bells since before the war. In view of other towers paying compliments to these worthies, the Vicar decided to face the complaints and permit the peal and also promised a peal tablet to record the long association.

Messrs. Arthur Mawdsley, Arthur Tomlinson and Joseph Ridyard have rung peals of Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The peal at Salehurst, Sussex, on November 13th, was the 50th in Plain Bob Major for Mr. F. J. Lambert.

Mr. H. R. Stevens and Mr. J. B. Hessey have rung at Chertsey together for 50 years. The peal of Grandsire Triples there on November 13th recorded this association.

Congratulations to Mr. Frank Stenson, who rang his first peal at Crewe at the age of 60. All the band who rang the peal of Grandsire Caters were Sunday service ringers at the church.

The following tower 'circles' are reported this week: Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, Southwark Cathedral; Mr. Ivan Kay (twice), Moorside, Oldham; Mr. H. William Barrett, Warnham, Sussex; Mr. S. Gilbert, Holywell, Hunts.

The composition of 5,120 Plain Bob Major by Mr. E. J. Lindley, which we publish this week, is suitable for handbell ringing, as the 5th-6th course each other repeatedly, thus making the ringing of this pair very easy.

Heydour, Lincs, has frequently appeared in our columns. This week we record the first peal of four of the local band. Mr. Noel Longland has been ringing there for 39 years and he informed the conductor that this was the first opportunity he had had to ring in a peal attempt.

In recognition of his 40 years as hon. lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a Testimonial Fund is being raised to Mr. Herbert Knight. Contributions from bands and individuals should be sent to the Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley, before the end of December.

The R. T. Hibbert Memorial Fund has passed the £50 mark.

What is claimed to be the first peal of Major on Aldbourne bells was rung on November 13th. The tenor here is the oldest dated bell in Wiltshire (1516). It is no easy task to ring a peal on these bells as there is nearly 80ft. of rope.

Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from 1934-1938, Mr. Sidney Romans had a peal rung in honour of his 80th birthday on November 13th. After the peal he entertained the ringers with friends from Cheltenham.

Mr. George Williams reminds us that Nov. 22nd was the 56th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise, 5,088, by the Sussex Association, rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, and conducted by Mr. George F. Attree. He believes he is the sole survivorl.

Fifty years ago the first peal of Stedman in the county of Durham was rung at Bishopswearmouth. This was commemorated by a peal in the same method and on the same bells. Mrs. G. H. Pickering, J. Anderson and W. J. Davidson were members of the band which rang a similar peal of commemoration on the occasion of the 40th anniversary on November 12th, 1938. The immediate past Master of the Durham and Newcastle Association is the only survivor of the original peal of 50 years ago, and he also rang in the 1938 peal.

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311th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths

Associations with St. Saviour's, Southwark ..... Fifty-nine New Members to Maintain the Honourable Tradition ..... Greetings from Veterans: Canon Coleridge and Mr. James George ..... Cumberland Youths' Master and Turncoats

MEMBERS of the Ancient Society of College Youths who attended the 311th anniversary dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., on November 13th, felt that there was a fulfilment of the honorable tradition maintained without a break for three centuries. Mr. G. W. Cecil was a genial Master, the speeches were in accord with the dignity of the Society and the arrangements for the function were in the capable hands of Mr. A. B. Peck, the secretary, who acknowledged the assistance he had received from Mr. J. G. A. Prior.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church,' proposed by the Master, who extended a special welcome to the Provost of Southwark. As far as he could tell it was about 260 years since the Ancient Society first rang and carried out the Exercise at St. Saviour's, Southwark. Some notable performances took place there. One of the first recorded was in 1684 (incidentally, in that year Sir Henry Tulse was Master of the Ancient Society and Lord Mayor of London) when the Society rang three 720's of Minor on the back six. That was one of the longest performances at that time and quite an achievement. There had been many notable performances at Southwark.

SOME LONG PEALS.

In 1735 there was the long peal of Grandsire Cinques of 8,008 changes; in 1784. 7,008 Treble Bob Maximus. In more recent times they all knew of the long peal of Stedman Cinques of 12,675 changes, which at a later date was found to be false, but he felt that that did not detract from a remarkable performance. They were still ringing at St. Saviour's, Southwark, and the Senior Steward was trying to train a band for service ringing there.

The Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, in his reply, spoke of the Church's appreciation of the service rendered by ringers. In his varsity days he resisted attempts to make him a ringer, but he enjoyed the music of bells. From Oxford he went to Lincoln—his father named him after Hugh of Lincoln—and lived opposite the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral.

Then came a period at Portsmouth, where he resisted attempts to inveigle him into ringing, and back again to Lincoln for another three years. After that he had two parishes in Durham in his charge and both had rings of eight. At West Hartlepool four of the ringers were engaged on rolled steel, and at Houghton-le-Spring some of his ringers were employed in coal. Wherever he had been his association with ringers had been of the happiest.

A NOVEL SNUFF BOX.

Mr. Alex Young then handed to the Master an antique snuff box bound in a metal called pitchbeck. Christopher Pitchbeck was Master of the Society in 1752 and he invented this metal, which was 12 per cent. zinc and the rest copper and had the resemblance of gold. The snuff box was passed round for inspection: it was filled with John Hardham's No. 37. Hardham was Master in 1747.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. The Society, he reminded the assembly, had gone on for 311 years maintaining a high tradition in ringing. They had always selected as their Masters men of high integrity. Their present Master, Mr. Cecil, had conducted the affairs of the Society with dignity, charm and tact. They were very fortunate in their officers. Mr. H. R. Newton, their trustee, took part in that long length at Southwark. He heard eight hours of it and young Bob Newton rang the eleventh, and when he came down he looked the freshest man of the lot. Mr. Newton had one or two other achievements; he turned in to Surprise Major all the heavy tenors in London, and it would be very interesting to see what he had to say to the correspondence now going on in 'The Ringing World.' Their other trustee, Harry Miles, was famed as a peal composer. Unfortunately, he slipped up in the long Stedman Cinques.

The Society's treasurer was Mr. A. A. Hughes, to whom they were indebted for many kindnesses. During the war when they were without a home he not only housed them but fed them. In Mr. J. A. Waugh, their Master-elect, they had a very good man, and he was doing very good work in training recruits at Southwark. The Junior Steward, Mr. Fox, was carrying on similar good work at Stepney. Of their two auditors, Mr. W. H. Passmore was a member of the Rochester Row handbell band that made ringing history, and Mr. J. E. Chilcott was a promising young man. He coupled with the toast the name of their secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, who had tried, and not unsuccessfully, to carry on the tradition handed on by Mr. W. T. Cockerill. He thought they would agree that he had not done a bad job.

In his reply, Mr. Peck recalled the conspicuous service of Mr. Cockerill, who was secretary for 47 years. The Society flourished under his secretaryship, and he (Mr. Peck) hoped that when he laid down the pen it would be in as flourishing a condition. Facilities for ringing in London were limited; they now had only four towers which were rung for Sunday service. During the year they held 13 meetings, 50 practices and rang 16 peals.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

Apologies were received from Canon Coleridge, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. James George. Canon Coleridge wrote: 'When the first notice of the C.Y. dinner appeared in "The Ringing World" I was undergoing a course of red rays of galvanism with massage of my left knee, which I first damaged 14 years ago and which had arthritis had recently put out of action. I am much better now—no pain. I can once more get about with a couple of stout sticks, but reading in a later edition that all tickets had been sold out, I took that as a further intimation that I ought not to come up to Town, possibly have a fall and put many to trouble in taking me to some hospital or other. . . . As I shall not be there will you kindly convey my best wishes to all who may care to have them, reserving a few for yourself for your work on behalf of the ever young but Ancient Society?'

Mr. George in his letter wrote that he was elected a member of the Society on October 12th, 1889. On November 27th, all being well, he would reach the age of 95 years. He added, 'I am probably the oldest surviving member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. I hope you and all will have a very happy and successful day.'

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members had been elected in 1948: L. Pearson (Portsmouth), R. Kenrick (Southport), A. Hilliar (Bristol), P. Watts (Harrow), G. R. Allsop (Fulham), J. W. Stephenson (Fulham), P. Bettridge (Southall), F. Heyes (Blackburn), G. Davis (Hereford), A. Appleton (Godalming), A. Green (Wickham), A. Lancaster (Southampton), C. Willmintin (Leytonstone), C. Rouse (Cheltenham), R. Clouston (Eye), F. Mead (Camberwell), G. S. Morris (Lyme Regis), R. Davis (Croydon), D. Fraser (Basingstoke), A. Smith (Basingstoke), E. T. Lee (Godalming), M. Chilcott (Lampton), J. Munday (Radstock), H. Smith (Shepton Mallet), E. Brunton (Accrington), D. E. Parsons (Carshalton), J. A. Green (Wicken), T. Roderick (Porthcawl), E. Stitch (Port Talbot), L. Barry (Gloucester), T. Newbury (Beckford), H. Shadrack (Chelmsford), H. E. Lilley (Haywards Heath), G. Apps (Cuckfield), D. Bellamy (Wellington, Somerset), R. Winter (Taunton), L. Trevor (Nuneaton), E. Lloyd (Birmingham), D. W. Beard (East Ham), T. B. Newton (Ambleside), A. Capstick (Ambleside), C. W. Blakey (Accrington), T. Hogarth (Keswick), V. Savage (Midsomer Norton), F. S. Paulton (Bristol), A. G. Clare (Farrington Gurney), E. C. Wickham (Cheddar), J. A. Tomlinson (Blackburn), R. J. Thain (Stroud, Glos.), W. E. Court (Chiseldon, Wilts), P. Anger (Shrivenham, Wilts), F. E. Mitchell (West Croydon), E. W. B. Razzell (South Croydon), R. Price (Feltham), J. A. Alsop (Fulham) and G. W. Cook (Brasted, Kent).

OLD MEMBERS.

They had present with them Mr. H. R. Newton, who had been a member for 62 years. Other old members present were Richard Stannard 58 years, E. Alex. Young 56, W. T. Elson 56, L. J. Monday 54, A. D. Cullum 53, W. H. Passmore 53, A. Walker 52, Roland Fenn 52, David Wright 52 and C. Dean 50 years.

The company stood while the following members who had died during the year were remembered: Rev. J. F. Hastings, elected 1881; Frederick Rigby, 1925; C. G. Ellis, 1904; James Chapman, 1884; Frank Bugler, 1925; William H. Lawrence, 1898; Oswald Simm, 1906; Rev. M. C. Potter, 1882; Thomas Groombridge, jun., 1912; Frederick Mitchell, 1920; George F. Swann, 1921; William H. Corbett, 1905; Ernest Bish, 1923; John Symons, 1886; William P. Garrett, 1887; Maurice Smither, 1903; George P. Burton, 1894; Thomas Langdon, 1890; Harry Chapman.

ELECTRICAL RINGING.

Mr. J. A. Waugh, in proposing 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' welcomed in particular the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. One hundred or 200 years ago he could not imagine that they would be welcome. Now they were greeted as brother ringers and members of one big family.

The speaker uttered a warning against the introduction of mechanical devices in ringing. Near where he lived there was a church with a fine stone tower capped with a steeple. Recently a leading firm of bell-founders installed a splendid ring of eight bells, but those bells were not to be rung by human hands, but by an electrical chiming apparatus. In an argument in favour of the device the Vicar stated that there would now be no need for ringers' practices. The introduction of mechanical devices could be carried further than bells—there need not be an organist, choir or parson.

Mr. Walter Ayre, the Master of the Cumberlands, said it was only after he had joined the Cumberlands that he found out that he could not be a College Youth, unless he resigned. He had a very poor opinion of anyone who changed from one society to another (hear, hear). On behalf of his Society he gave a cordial welcome to College Youths to their meetings. The word 'kindred' meant that they were 'kinsmen' of the same craft and working for the same aims. Because of that they should not be in fear or trepidation on entering one another's towers.

Also coupled with the toast was Mr. Albert Walker, who brought the greetings of the St.

311th Anniversary (cont.)

Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. The Ancient Society, he said, was so strong in Birmingham that they could raise a band for a peal of Cinques. They did admire the Ancient Society going back for 311 years. His own Society was now nearing its bi-centenary, which they would reach in about seven years' time.

THE ROYAL BABY.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Their visitors, in addition to the Provost of Southwark, included Canon Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, who was responsible for the eight bells which have received such a marvellous press during the last few days. Somebody suggested to him in connection with the Royal birth that if it was a boy it should be a 'Bob' method, and if a girl he assumed that a 'Delight' would be suitable.

Coupled with the toast was Mr. H. V. Ireson, Dean's verger at St. Paul's, and Mr. Lewis said the Society was very grateful to the Cathedral authorities for allowing them to store their silver in the crypt of St. Paul's. Mr. Ireson regarded their Society as the finest aid to good health, judging by the longevity of members. During the past week no fewer than five newspapers had enquired whether Big Tom at St. Paul's was to be tolled for the Royal birth. Big Tom was only tolled for the death of the Sovereign, the Lord Mayor or the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr. Harold Pitstow gave the toast of 'The Ringing World' and said that the interest the national Press was taking in ringing during the past week should be helpful to the Exercise. He had tried to make them understand that bellringers were not a lot of 'muts.'

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply, called attention to 'College Youths,' the work of Mr. J. A. Trollope, which made fascinating reading, and should be in the possession of every College Youth.

The last toast was one of remembrance of Masters of the Society 100, 200 and 300 years ago. These were honoured on the call of Mr. E. Alex. Young. They were: 100 years George Morley, 200 years Eli Hillier and 300 years Robert Milford.

THE COMPANY.

Supporting the Master on the top table were the hon. secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck), the Provost of Southwark, Canon Perkins, Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, E. A. Young, G. J. Strickland, E. H. Lewis, W. Hibbert, O. York Bramble, W. Ayre, H. Miles, H. N. Pitstow, E. P. Duffield, A. R. Macdonald, L. G. Pengelly, F. Sharpe, C. W. Roberts and H. V. Ireson.

Others present were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. A. Waugh, E. G. Fenn, J. F. Smallwood, C. Dean, A. and J. A. Tomlinson, E. J. Gower, E. J. Chivers, G. Clare, R. G. Beck, W. Osborn, H. Bishop, J. Thomas, W. Hughes, C. W. Blakey, H. Anderton, V. J. Wood, W. Simmonds, Court, Berry, W. C. Cook, J. Hawkins, R. Wilson, D. Hughes, P. E. Clark, I. P. Davis, L. W. Prosser, C. M. Meyer, B. P. Morris, R. Burton, C. J. Hibbert, W. Rampton, E. J. Taylor, A. Appleton, W. Seabrook, A. Butler, H. Hodgetts, A. E. Sweetzer, E. J. Menday, A. D. Cullum, W. H. Pasmore, W. Rumley, H. R. Newton, R. Overy, E. Exeter, A. Laker, E. Rapley, C. Longhurst, J. G. A. Prior, C. Wardell, S. Holgate, jun., S. Holgate, R. Stannard, J. E. L. Cockey, H. Goulter, J. Newbery, P. Baker, W. Williams, B. Thompson, T. Fox, D. W. Beard, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn, J. O. Weller, G. W. Cook, E. S. Richards, H. Jordan, W. T. Elson, R. T. Newman, V. J. Benning, K. S. T. Croft, P. M. Freeman, J. Freeman, A. Walker, J. S. Mason, F. W. Budgen, P. Murphy, J. Stevenson, J. Chilcott, H. Belcher, R. F. Deal, J. Phillips, G. Large, A. W. Heath, J. W. Jones, E. P. Austin, J. Gipson, E. Armstrong, G. Humphries, W. Melville, C. Kippin, D. Cooper, H. T. Myers, C. Parks, D. Wright, C. W. Munday, P. Smith, J. Ward, R. Lathbury, W. Oatway, R. Davies, S. D. Shaughnessy, T. G. Myers, G. E. Fearn and F. E. Collins.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hale Surprise Maior

Dear Sir,—Re Hale Surprise Major, in my letter of the 19th inst. I find I made a mistake about the bob place of the above. I see now that it is a fourths place bob, which makes it wholly Belvedere Surprise and nothing else.—Yours faithfully, W. A. OLDFIELD.

Ashford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I find the Hale Surprise Major in this week's 'Ringing World' is No. 25 in Mr. Corrigan's Collection (Part C) and is called 'Belvedere.' I have a note that the method is by Mr. A. G. Driver and was first rung at Staines on February 14th, 1935. No doubt you will have other letters to the same effect.—Yours faithfully, S. H. HOARE.

Watford.

Dear Sir,—The method rung at Framsden on October 30th as Hale Surprise is not a new method, having been rung previously as Belvedere. The first peal in the method was rung at St. Mary's, Staines, for the Middlesex Association on February 14th, 1935, conducted by Alan R. Pink. A further peal was rung at St. John the Baptist's, Erith, on March 14th, 1947, conducted by Frederick J. Cullum. The same composition, an arrangement of the late A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, was rung on both occasions.—Yours faithfully, P. A. CORBY.

[NOTE.—We are grateful to other correspondents who have pointed out this error. —EDITOR.]

WISTASTON PEAL

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Minor at Wistaston, Cheshire, in 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 12th is not quite correct, i.e., 'First peal in six methods by all the band.' I have rung several in six methods. Incidentally, I've rung peals in all numbers of methods from 1 to 11 with the exception of 9. I never had any luck with that!—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Whitchurch.

COVERING BELLS IN PEALS

Dear Sir,—I have just received my two 'Ringing Worlds,' dated October 29th and November 5th. In these two are cases of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles at Gorseinon, Swansea, and at Coleshill, Warwickshire, with covering bells. Why are they accepted for publication and not peals rung under the same condition?

I have in mind one rung at Romford, Essex, on Saturday, July 17th. Could not this question be thrashed out by the Central Council once and for all? This peal would not have been rung with 4.6.8 behind except that it was a very special occasion and as many of the local band wished to participate.—Yours sincerely, LEONARD W. BULLOCK.

British Troops, Berlin.

[NOTE.—Conditions governing peals are decided by the Central Council and published in 'Decisions of the Council.' It is open to any member of the Council to challenge the report of the Peals Analysis Committee. Peals are recorded; quarter-peals, while published as space permits, are not recorded by the Council. They are purely a matter of personal satisfaction.—EDITOR.]

EIGHT BELL RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,—Can you let me have the numbers of any gramophone records that have been made of eight-bell towers? All I can find is the H.M.V. of Stedman and Grandsire Caters made by St. Margaret's, Westminster.—Yours faithfully, ERNEST PAULSON.

Darley Dale, Matlock.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints', Nov. 6th, muffled ringing, 240 Grandsire and 720 Plain Bob: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, D. Sanderson 3, S. Gilbert 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, S. Clements 6.

Worthy Tenor Men Recalled

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in the letters re speed and weight of tenor bells in peal ringing. It brings to my mind many recollections of some of the leading ringers of the past.

To see the late George Breed ring the old tenor at York Minster to Kent Treble Bob was a great treat, as it was to see the late Ernest Pye ringing the eleventh bell to Stedman Cinques on the same evening. The late Mr. W. Pye was not a big man in stature, but he was certainly very muscular and skilful.

At St. Paul's Cathedral about 1920 there was a fine band. I also remember Reuben Sanders ringing the eleventh bell at Exeter to Cambridge Maximus. A fine heavy bell ringer and a most graceful handler was our own George Smith, of Norwich.

I was pleased to read the letter by Mr. Patrick Cannon, as I think it sums up the matter very well. I was at York some years ago when a band of ringers rang on the present bells about two courses of Stedman Cinques. They then estimated it would take much more than four hours to ring a peal on them.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. DUFFIELD.

Long Stratton, Norwich.

A WORD FOR THE LIGHT END MEN

Dear Sir,—In reply to the correspondence on speed of peals and tenor ringing, I agree with Mr. Cannon that slow ringing on tenors of 26 cwt. or more requires less physical effort and more accurate placing than when they are rung fast. This proves the ringer is ringing the bell and the bell is not ringing him as Mr. Hibbert suggests. There is no doubt it would do if the ringer tried to push it along faster than he was physically capable of doing.

Being one of the party who took part in the Somerset tour and rang on the light end, it did not appear to me that the tenors were being 'dawdled' along or that the ringing became irregular, as Mr. Haynes thinks it might have been. I did not feel that we had the light bells on our waists unduly long.

Not being a tenor ringer myself, only one of the light end men, I like to think that we light-enders have as much control over the speed of the ringing as the back-enders. To do this the light end men must strike clearly behind and on the lead, without clipping, particularly over 7-8. I am sure this tends to slow down the ringing and makes for better striking with a more even beat but slower peals.

In conclusion, let me ask why all this controversy over slow or fast peals, if the striking is good, when it's only a matter of minutes either way, e.g., if a peal of 4,040 changes is rung in 3 hours 20 minutes with a tenor of 26 cwt., each change has only to take a quarter second longer to make the time 3 hours 41 minutes. This, Mr. Haynes thinks, makes a moderately fast peal into an easy paced dawdle.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN E. BIBBY.

Frodsham, Cheshire.

CHECKENDON REFUTE FIRST CLAIM

Dear Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' of November 12th in the six-bell peals there was a peal of Minor rung at Checkendon, Oxon, on October 23rd, 1948, conducted by Tony Price. He states that this was the first peal on the bells. I don't know where he got this information. I have been ringing at this tower 35 years and there have been several peals rung, the last being on the occasion of the opening of the new ringing chamber and vestry. This peal was conducted by our late Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. If Mr. Price will write to me I will furnish him with the names of the other ringers.

A. J. PEARSON.

Whitehall, Checkendon, Oxon.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

John A. Webster	*Treble*	James H. Cooke	4
George R. Newton	2	Alexander J. Martin	5
Charles B. Pemberton	3	William Dean	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Dean.
The 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 1,440 each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 2,160 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

John Vincent	*Treble*	Anthony R. Peake	4
Walter H. Trueman	2	Ivor H. Trueman	5
Brian Bladon	3	*Geoffrey Dodd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter H. Trueman.
* First peal. A farewell peal to Ivor H. Trueman and to mark the occasion of the golden wedding of the conductor's parents.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight 240's each by L. W. G. Morris and A. J. Pitman and ten ordinary 120's. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*Brian Warwick	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	4
*Derek Oliver	2	†Terry Thornber	5
†Mrs. F. E. Wilson	3	*John Myatt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal. † First of Doubles 'inside.'

CALVERHALL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb.

Herbert Moore	*Treble*	Frederick G. Beddow	4
Frederick Leech	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Walter Lycett	3	Joseph Capper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward V. Rodenhurst.
First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, 75 bobs. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Edmund J. Whiting	*Treble*	Derek Sanderson	4
Harold S. Peacock	2	Frank Warrington	5
*R. Frank Baker	3	Stanley Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First in method. First in method on bells.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720s.

Frederick Manser	*Treble*	William Manser	4
Tom Saunders	2	Lewis Newman	5
*Albert Kelvie	3	Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Conducted by Luther J. Honess.
* First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Arthur Day	*Treble*	*William J. Arnold	4
*Charles F. Sayer	2	*Thomas J. Southam	5
Alfred J. Hatten	3	Bertie A. Cornell	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Arnold.
* Have now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Doubles by all the band except ringer of tenor. First peal on six bells as conductor.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*Arnold G. Bown	*Treble*	Percy Cox	4
John T. Locke	2	Herbert Westlake	5
†Arthur J. Callow	3	Jack W. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' In memoriam of members of the Association who gave their lives in the last war.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	‡John E. S. Moreton	4
*John B. Bennett	2	Alan Cattell	5
†W. Harry Duncomb	3	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Surprise Minor 'inside.'

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*Noel J. Longland	*Treble*	*Royce Longland	4
*Roy W. Franklin	2	James H. Musson	5
*Hugh Longland	3	Henry Collin	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 31, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At Apartamentos Cajigal, Avenida Cajigal, San Bernardino,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight 120's of Stedman, 12 of Grandsire, 10 of Reverse Canterbury and 12 of Plain Bob.

Bernard H. Swinson	1-2	Roland Park	3-4
		Irene Park	5-6

Conducted by Roland Park.

WITHINGTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 7, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,*
At 85, Hill Street,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Ronald D. Airey	1-2	Frederick E. Dukes	3-4
		*Miss Mary Walshaw	5-6

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.
* First peal on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 7, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
At 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.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours,*
At Apartamentos Cajigal, Avenida Cajigal, San Bernardino,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight 120's Stedman, four Reverse Canterbury, 12 Grandsire and 18 Plain Bob.

Bernard H. Swinson	1-2	Roland Park	3-4
		Irene Park	5-6

Conducted by Roland Park.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

DEDICATIONS

ST. THOMAS', SALISBURY.

The bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury, were rededicated on November 6th by the Bishop of Sherborne in the presence of the Mayor and civic representatives, and also between 150 and 200 ringers from Wiltshire, Dorset, Hants, Somerset and Devon.

By agreement with the authorities, the bells themselves were not tuned or altered in any way and the canons were retained intact. The contract was placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who have rehung the ring with modern fittings, including specially designed headstocks and ball bearings, in an exceptionally heavy iron and steel framework. The tower is unusually limited in area for the size of the ring, but this difficulty was successfully overcome by careful designing.

The total weight of the octave is 103 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb., the weights and inscriptions of the bells being as follows:—

Treble.—Note D. M. Bailey and T. Ogden, Churchwardens. R. Wells, of Aldbourne. Fecit. 1771. 7 cwt. 20 lb.

No. 2.—C sharp. R. Wells. Feci. 1771. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

No. 3.—B. T. O., M. B., C. W. R. Wells. Fecit. 8 cwt. 5 lb.

No. 4.—A. Ts. Ogden and Ms. Baily, Churchwardens. 1771. R. Wells, of Aldbourne. Feci. 9 cwt. 24 lb.

No. 5.—G. A gift of John Windham, Esqr. 1683. Recast 1771 by R. Wells, Aldbourne. 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

No. 6.—F sharp. Ts. Ogden and Ms. Baily, Churchwardens. Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. Fecit. 1771. 13 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

No. 7.—E. Ts. Ogden and M. Bailey, C. Wardens. R. Wells, of Aldbourne. Fecil. 1771. 19 cwt. 4 lb.

Tenor.—D. Wm. Naish, Esqr., Mayor. Nathl. Stvridg, Tho. Hales, Chvrch Wardens, A (Bell) R. 1716. 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

In his address the Bishop of Sherborne said: 'Some few will listen with a critical ear . . . and so many will listen, most of us, with enjoyment of the music of the bells and that special sound and harmony in our English land of the church bells, that charm which is missed, they tell us, over and over again by our fellow-countryman in the far parts of the world who rejoices to come home and hear them once again.

'And some will listen with reverence and godly fear to the real message of the bells, significant and full of its own special message that Englishmen have put their bells in the towers of their churches and that from these towers has rung out through the centuries God's word and message to His children.'

The civic and church dignitaries were afterwards entertained to tea by Ald. and Mrs. J. S. Rambridge. Among the ringers present were the Rev. Carew Cox, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. B. Jewell (captain of the church bellringers), Messrs. H. Roles, J. E. Figgures and G. Norton. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were represented by Messrs. Michael Howard, F. C. W. Stevenson and B. Newson, and were congratulated on the restoration.

5,120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

ARRANGED BY E. J. LINDLEY.

23456	W	B	M	R
32645	S	2		—
45263		2		
24356	—		—	
24635	—	2		—
35462		2		
43256	—		—	
43625	—	2		—
65324			—	S
26354	—			
32465	—		—	

Three times repeated, calling Bob for Single at W in first and third repetitions (i.e.) 2nd and 4th parts.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

The 300-year-old bells of St. Peter's, Mansfield, were dedicated on November 14th after being recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The service was attended by the civic heads, and during the dedication by Canon S. C. Bulley, Vicar, the bellringers walked in procession through the Lady chapel to the nave, where the bells were set out in the form of a cross. Each ringer took up a position near the bell for which he was responsible.

The eighth bell bears an additional inscription as follows: 'Recast 1948, the third year of the atomic age; a day of doubt; men's hearts failing them for fear; still we ring out, that all the Voice of God may hear. The seventh bell, dated 1615, now bears the words: '1948. In memory of Ald. William Benjamin Spencer.'

The preacher was Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of West Bridgford, who at one period was curate at the church.

He spoke on early bellringing customs and said the art was at first divorced from the Church. When Henry VIII. ordered church bells to be taken down and sold, he continued, there were, judging by ancient records, three bells in Mansfield, but the 'crafty old churchwardens' apparently sold one before the king could get hold of it. Early bellringing was looked upon as a kind of sport and amusement for strong young men and there was just as much competition between old guilds of ringers in those days as there is between local football feams to-day.

He hoped the art of bellringing would grow in Mansfield. 'There are dozens of bells in this country neglected because there are no people to teach the art,' he added. 'We used to be known as the ringing island, and English people are very proud of their bells.'

It is understood preparations for rehanging the bells in the south tower will start forthwith.

GOLDEN JUBILEE AS PEAL RINGER

The Exercise will congratulate Mr. George R. Newton on his golden jubilee as a peal ringer. The occasion was marked by scoring a peal in the same tower and ringing the same bell at Woodchurch, Cheshire, that he rang half a century ago.

Mr. G. R. Newton, who is in his 74th year, is the only-surviving member of the band who rang the first peal on the bells of Woodchurch Parish Church, Cheshire, on November 5th, 1898. Since then six peals have been rung on the bells and Mr. Newton has 'stood' in them all.

The younger generation who participated in the recent peal join in congratulating him and trust that he will be spared to enjoy many more years of ringing.

All the company wish to be associated with an expression of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bennet for their kindness and hospitality on this occasion.

R. T. HIBBERT MEMORIAL

ILSLEY TENOR RECAST.

Some weeks ago a very modest paragraph was inserted in this journal under the general notices referring to the above, and the writer was surprised at the College Youths' dinner last Saturday at the number of friends of 'Old Tom' who were unaware of the memorial scheme.

There has been quite a good response to the appeal, but about £40 is still required and contributions should be sent to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

The work is now complete and a service will take place on Saturday, December 4th, at 3 p.m. Canon G. F. Coleridge will (D.V.) dedicate the new bell.

Tea will be provided after the service for those who notify C. J. Hibbert, High Street, East Ilsley, near Newbury, Berks, by Thursday, December 2nd.

Halewood Remembers

In the years between the two world wars Herbert Ludkin, almost unaided, trained a young band of local ringers at Halewood, Lancs, to a high standard of proficiency.

Then came the time when he had to leave the district for business reasons to reside in Manchester, and Halewood saw him only on comparatively rare occasions. Shortly after the war broke out and with it came the ban.

The band was scattered on war service of various kinds, and one of the most proficient of the young band—John Gardner—lost his life in the tragic sinking of the Japanese prisoner of war ship on September 12th, 1943.

The remainder returned to Halewood after the war to try and pick up the threads of their pre-war training and carry on the good work which Herbert Ludkin had started, but fate was against them. Lack of attention had rendered one or two of the eight bells unringable, and the bells were again silenced for over 18 months.

Then repairs were effected, due mainly to the enthusiasm of Thomas Heskett and one or two others, and ringing restarted in earnest some three months ago under the leadership of Mr. P. W. Cave, who undertook the task of carrying on where Herbert Ludkin had left ring of five bells were made full use of, also band.

The news of the recent sudden death of Mr. Ludkin was received by the Halewood band with feelings of deep regret and of a very real personal loss.

It was only natural, therefore, that they should seek to honour his memory as soon as they could, and, appropriately enough, Nov. 6th, the eve of Remembrance Sunday, was chosen for the commemoration peal. The peal of Stedman Triples successfully accomplished on that date is recorded as a tribute to the memory of Herbert Ludkin and John Gardner and all others from the village of Halewood who lost their lives in the two world wars. A peal board is to be erected to record the peal.

LATE NOTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham and Oakley, Dec. 4th. Clapham bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Oakley bells after tea. — P. L. Gilbert, Hon. District Sec. 4424

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Good attendance, please, to welcome and meet Canon Sarson. Card for tea urgent by Dec. 1st to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4425

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Bentham, Dec. 4th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 4423

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Saturday, Dec. 4th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening. Tea 2s. 3d., snacks later 1s. Names not later than Monday, Nov. 29th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4426

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Book these dates now. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Dec. 6th, 7.15 p.m. Saturday meetings: Fulham, Jan. 1st; annual general meeting, Southwark Cathedral, Feb. 5th. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4427

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Dec. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. C. Briggs, Dis. Sec. 4401

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at Birstall, via Leeds. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head. Apply Mr. S. Britton, 22, Kings Drive, Birstall, by Dec. 4th.—William Ambler, Hon. District Sec. 4421

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers and committee. Names for tea by Monday, Dec. 6th, to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted. 4409

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion.

Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

DEATH

PALMER. — On Saturday, Nov. 20th, at Hazelwood, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield, Julia Kate, the beloved wife of Sidney Frederick Palmer, in her 77th year, after much suffering bravely borne. 4422

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF HANDBELLS required suitable for tune ringing by band of keen young ringers. Please send offers to Mr. T. B. Holloway, 68, Newtown, Westbury, Wilts. 4412

Wanted, set of 12 or more small handbells. —G. Yaxley, Mill House, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4418

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT SUGGESTION to all interested in bells and ringing. J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS.' Illustrated. 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

370 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS. Second (revised) edition, containing Place Notation of all Surprise Major methods rung or published to date. 2s. post free.—A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 4415

MISCELLANEOUS

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1949. — Copies are still available from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. Order quickly or you may be too late. Diaries will be ready early December. 4394

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Meeting at Bobbing on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 4360

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Whittlesey (two 8's), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4380

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 4347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Meeting, Snodland (6), Nov. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4359

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, afterwards.—A. B. Peck. 4378

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual, Saturday, Nov. 27th, King's Lynn (10 and 8). Names for tea early, please. —W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 4374

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, Nov. 27th. St. Gregory's 2 till 4 p.m. and after tea; All Saints' 3.30. Service at All Saints' 4.40. Tea at Riverside Hotel, 5, followed by business.—A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 4383

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Annual, Newbury (10), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4365

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge (St. Paul's, Staley), Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4362

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Derby Cathedral (St. Andrew's not available), Nov. 27th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — W. A. Parsons, District Secretary. 4392

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Braywood (5 bells), Saturday, Nov. 27th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 4381

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Malvern Priory, Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea early to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 4393

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ewell, Nov. 27th.—Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 and meeting 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers and committee. —R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4373

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Monthly meeting, Pevensey (6) and Westham (6), Nov. 27th. Pevensey bells available 2.30. Notifications to F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec., 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham. 4395

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Pontesbury (6), Nov. 27th, 2.30. No tea. Buses from Barker Street, Shrewsbury, at 1.40, 3, 3.30, 4.30.—C. A. Barron, Hon. Sec. 4420

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James', Taunton, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in schoolroom. Names early, please. Wilton bells 2.45 to 3.45.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 4387

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Sparling, Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, not later than Dec. 1st.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Colchester. 4364

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 4th, Leigh (just off Gloucester-Tewkesbury road). Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 27th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 4372

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Room. Names for tea to George Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking. 4377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Annual meeting, Bridport, Dec. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea (for those notifying by Nov. 27th) and meeting.—C. H. Lathey, Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport. 4360

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Meeting, Bulwell (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. E. Pickering, 52, Bancroft Street, Bulwell, Nottingham. 4367

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Aberavon, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 4370

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4396

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Leicester and Loughborough Districts. — Anstey (8). Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells 2. Tea 4.30. Bring own sugar. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. Redvers Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, near Leicester. 4410

LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting, Conisborough, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 to 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food.—D. E. Kelly and H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Secs. 4404

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Annual, Barnwood (8), Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided in Reading Room 5.15.—W. Sidwell, Branch Sec. 4399

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 4th, All Saints', Wigan. Bells (10) 2.30. No arrangements for tea. Cafes nearby. — J. Burns, Branch Sec. 4400

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4397

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Shrivenham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 1st.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4403

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names by Dec. 1st to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4405

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Medbourne (5), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, The Horse and Trumpet.—L. W. Allen, Sec. 4406

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—PLEASE NOTE ALTERATION.—Annual meeting, Dec. 4th, SS. Philip and Jacob's, not St. Mary Redcliffe. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) 5, Co-op Cafe, Castle Green. Business in tower 6 p.m. approx. All teas to be booked by Dec. 1st to Miss Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5. 4407

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Annual meeting, Wrington, Dec. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4416

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, Dec. 4th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4417

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (bring own food).—J. Cotton. 4419

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Horringer (8), Dec. 11th Those requiring tea please notify F. Cooper, Lodge Gates, Horringer, not later than Dec. 8th.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 4375

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Annual, Dec. 11th, Cheltenham St. Mary's. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea free by invitation 5. Please notify me early. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4398

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to A. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222), by Wednesday, Dec. 8th. —W. Hughes. 4428

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh on Saturday, Dec. 11th. The usual arrangements. Nominations of district officers must be made at this meeting. Names, please, by Dec. 6th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 4402

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting, Esher (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Nomination of district officers for 1949.—F. E. Hawthorne. 4408

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Dec. 11th. Tea only for those who notify me by Friday, Dec. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 4411

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch. — Meeting, Heavitree, Dec. 11th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Dec. 8th. Cathedral after tea.—E. J. Ryall, Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 4414

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual ringing day and dinner will be held in London on Thursday, Dec. 30th. Service, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Details being circulated. Names in by Dec. 14th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4413

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A YEAR LATER

THIS is an issue of good wishes and felicitations to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the gift of a son. It is the privilege of ringers to be the vehicle of public expression. Our corresponding number last year was a 16-page issue expressing the happiness of the nation in Princess Elizabeth's wedding, and the rejoicings that marked that event are this week being repeated at the birth of the first grandchild of our King and Queen. At the time of writing the number of peals recorded is 156, almost equal to the 162 rung in honour of the Royal Wedding last year, which was the biggest exposition on record in the art of change ringing.

A comparison of the ringing for the two events indicates a marked drop in the number of peals on more than eight bells. Leicester and Lincoln were the only representatives of the twelve-bell towers. Against 22 ten-bell peals for the wedding there were only eight on this occasion. A single splice was introduced into the peal of Caters at Beddington. In eight-bell towers the peals numbered 81, against 92. Of these 26 were of Triples. Much of the ringing was in the standard methods, nevertheless there were 12 peals of Surprise Major (including Edinburgh Surprise) and eight of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Plain Bob Major exceeded Grandsire by 27 peals to 16, reversing the figures at the Royal Wedding. Stedman had hardly as many patrons as an ordinary week with eight peals. What was noticeable was that most of the peals were rung by the regular Sunday service band; in many instances this was the first peal by such a band.

The strength of the ringing numerically on this occasion was in the five and six-bell towers with 41 of Minor and 19 of Doubles, an advance of 18. Plain Bob Minor was most popular. There were, however, seven peals with seven or more methods. Most of the first peals scored (about 40) were in the six-bell towers.

As to the location of peals, the Eastern Counties have come very much to the fore. The Ely Diocesan Guild, who have been on the modest side in their ringing activities, blossomed forth with 13 peals. Much of this enthusiasm came from a Huntingdon trio, who rang a peal each night of the week. Next to Ely came the adjoining Association, the Norwich Diocesan, with 10. Lancashire, who had the pride of place on the occasion of the Royal Wedding, shared the third place with Kent and Chester Diocesan, each recording nine. They were followed by Leicester Diocesan Guild with eight, Guildford seven, and Middlesex, Essex, Lincoln and Peterborough six each. In all 40 guilds or associations recorded peals. Conspicuous among the absentees were the University Guilds. At the time of writing not a single peal has come from this source. There were, however, among the five handbell peals two rung at St. David's College, Lampeter, Wales.

It has been impossible to incorporate in this issue all the peals or all the quarter-peals rung as a welcome to our infant Prince. The quarter-peals are a particularly interesting collection: many of the performances took place in towers that rarely find a mention in 'The Ringing World.' Generally speaking, the ringing was of the simple variety; reading through this long list, however, gives an impression of the widespread character of the art of change ringing and indicates that it is deeply implanted in rural England.

Royal Birth Peals

Rung in honour of the gift of a son to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF GAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwts.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	Herrick B. Bowley	7
Kathleen Tilley	2	Harold G. Jenney	8
Dorothy Udale	3	Sidney O. Cheney	9
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Lawrence Greenhow	10
Harry G. Wayne	5	Peter J. Staniforth	11
Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Frederick W. Stokes	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Raymond F. Smith	2	John Walden	8
John Freeman	3	John A. Freeman	9
Charles McGuiness	4	Kenneth W. Mayer	10
Archer T. Lowman	5	Geoffrey M. Mayer	11
H. Leslie Pask	6	Walter Tomlinson	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by John Freeman.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

William T. Grice	*Treble*	Louis Head	6
Benjamin F. Baker	2	William Bottrill	7
Doris G. Dobbie	3	Harry Parkes	8
Leonard Mannering	4	Stanley B. Dobbie	9
Walter H. Dobbie	5	Herbert J. Smith	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Louis Head.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*Peter G. W. Newstead	*Treble*	†Bert Gogle	6
Walter C. Medler	2	George Bailey	7
Arthur G. Bason	3	Arthur J. E. Smalls	8
†George P. Adams	4	George Sayer	9
Ernest G. Shorting	5	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed by William E. Bason. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Prittlewell,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Miss Joan Turner	*Treble*	Jack Belcham	6
†William S. May	2	‡Frank C. May	7
†Donald Coombes	3	Frederick Souter	8
†Thomas E. Loxton	4	§Gerald Frost	9
William Perry	5	Frank B. Lufkin	*Tenor*

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † First peal Royal. ‡ First peal Kent Royal. § First Kent Royal 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	6
John Pinfold	2	John S. Walton	7
Herbert C. Spencer	3	Henry H. Fearn	8
Albert Walker	4	George E. Fearn	9
H. James Turner	5	Frank E. Haynes	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Albert Walker.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

Mrs. E. E. Davis	*Treble*	Richard W. Stannard	6
Mrs. R. F. Deal	2	George W. Steere	7
Mrs. C. J. Matthews	3	Reuben Sanders	8
William H. Hewett	4	Thomas H. Francis	9
Richard F. Deal	5	Cecil J. Matthews	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Wm. H. Hewett.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN AND GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;
Consisting of Stedman 2,556, Grandsire 2,519, with one change of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs. in E flat.

Joyce A. England	*Treble*	Albert J. Adams	6
Fredk. W. Housden	2	William J. Rawlings	7
Denis N. Layton	3	Frank E. Darby	8
David E. Parsons	4	Harold N. Pitstow	9
Roydon Davies	5	George H. Humphries	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
First peal of Spliced Caters by all the band, by the Association and on the bells.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

William G. Newberry	*Treble*	Charles Smart	6
Edward G. L. Coward	2	Chas. W. R. Grimwood	7
*Bernard Hawkins	3	George A. Cook	8
George Marriner	4	Arthur H. Smith	9
Albert E. Cheesman	5	Albert Harman	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Albert Harman.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *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*	Robert W. Green	5
William S. Langdon	2	Horace Belcher	6
Alfred B. Peck	3	Harold N. Pitstow	7
William H. Pasmore	4	James H. Rumley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold N. Pitstow.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Sydney Flint	*Treble*	George Skelland	5
Thos. W. Hammond	2	John McKee	6
Thos. S. Horridge	3	Robert Guy	7
Phyllis A. Booth	4	Wm. H. Deacon	*Tenor*

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. WHITE	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
*T. MARK WHITE	4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD H. MAY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	5
JOHN W. TAYLOR	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
WILLIAM A. STOTE	3	FRANK W. PERRENS	7
*S. JOHN OUGHTON	4	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal on eight.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND C. SAYERS	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	6
REGINALD WOODYATT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	FREDERICK G. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal away from the treble.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (M. J. Morris' Variation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*RONALD LORD	*Treble*	†ALAN H. HOUGH	5
T. KELHAM DEACON	2	C. RICHARD BELTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	GEORGE P. GARNER	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	*JOSEPH HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	*Treble*	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS	5
FRANK SODEN	2	W. JAMES DIXON	6
FREDK. W. SODEN	3	WILLIAM J. DIXON	7
GILBERT H. WRIGHT	4	BERNARD S. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Triples.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	5
MARGARET ROWLAND	2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	GEORGE H. FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER	*Treble*	HORACE E. LILLEY	5
FLORRIE WYMAN	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
ERIC H. KNAPP	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	4	KENNETH SNELLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*STANLEY G. MEADOWS	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
GEORGE W. FAULKNER	2	†HARRY TURNER	6
*MISS J. M. PEACOCK	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
HENRY T. WILSON	4	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal. † 100th peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	*Treble*	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	HARRY HARRIS	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	HENRY D. BUTLER	5
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	H. GEORGE HART	6
FRED. A. CLAYTON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
PETER D. BEEDIE	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE

CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILFRED NICHOLSON	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN	5
MISS M. A. P. BERTIE	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
*HENRY JARRETT	3	CYRIL MORDUE	7
J. WILLIAM ROBSON	4	SAMUEL C. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SAMUEL C. WALKER.
* First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

LEONARD COE	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. COOPER	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	HAROLD JACKSON	6
PAMELA J. LEANING	3	FREDERICK A. ADAMS	7
GORDON C. BRIGGS	4	JOSEPH SAXTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	FRED MELLOR	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6
IVAN KAY	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PHILIP TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEO. THOMPSON (81)	*Treble*	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	5
*GEORGE A. CHARLTON	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
ALFRED JORDON	3	EDGAR VALLANCE	7
†EDWARD SOWMAN	4	FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR VALLANCE.
* First peal of Triples away from tenor. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Francis J. Cheal ...	...*Treble*	Harry Springate	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Victor A. Jarrett ...	6
Eric Naylor	3	William A. J. Knight...	7
Trevor A. Cross ...	4	Fredk. H. Strevens ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Keith Hudston ...	...*Treble*	Jack Bailey	5
John W. Glew	2	Edwin Williams	6
William Lancaster ...	3	Francis R. Lowe... ...	7
Wilfred H. Buxton ...	4	William A. Parsons ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by W. A. Parsons.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 11 cwt.

Arthur Maddock	...*Treble*	Thomas W. Hesketh ...	5
James Robinson	2	John Robinson	6
Thomas Robinson ...	3	Percival W. Cave ...	7
George H. Hesketh ...	4	William Maddock ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

Harold Harrison	...*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	5
Noreen Brain	2	Gordon Harrison ...	6
William J. Leach	3	George L. Roden ...	7
Alan Foster	4	Edward J. White... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
First peal in the method by all the band.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 24 cwt. (approx.).

Harold Austin ...	...*Treble*	Harry Daniels	5
Thomas Newman	2	*William Ritchings ...	6
William Jones	3	Leslie Barry	7
William T. Cox	4	Harry Newman ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Newman.
* First peal.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

Edgar C. Shepherd	...*Treble*	William C. Dowding...	5
George E. Fearn	2	Vincent A. Hemming...	6
John Pinfold	3	*Arthur Morris	7
John S. Walton	4	Edward T. Lloyd ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.
* First peal of Major.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine, Kilburn,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Dorothy M. Watts ...	...*Treble*	†Richard H. Gilbert...	5
C. Edward Lankester	2	†Alfred Bone	6
†R. Mary Davies... ...	3	E. Maurice Atkins ...	7
†Maud Lane	4	Stanley Pacey	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Grandsire.

NORWICH
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1947, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles-on-the-Hill,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

Nolan Golden ...	...*Treble*	Ernest G. Shorting ...	5
Arthur J. E. Smalls ...	2	Clifford Bird	6
Mrs. Frewen Moor ...	3	George Sayer	7
Dr. Frewen Moor ...	4	Arthur G. Bason ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Gordon F. Hurn ...	...*Treble*	George T. Pegnall ...	5
Russell W. Curson ...	2	Philip W. J. Fryer ...	6
Robert G. Fisher ...	3	William Clover	7
Walter R. Farrow ...	4	*Henry Tooke ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by William Clover.
* 200th peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Variation. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

Josiah D. Harris	...*Treble*	William Tate	5
Joan Salmons	2	Ernest F. Salmons ...	6
Harold A. Nobes ...	3	Fredk. W. Burnett ...	7
John W. Meade	4	*Fredk. G. Edwards...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Burnett.
* First peal.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*Neville A. Brown	...*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	5
*Miss J. Houldsworth	2	Harold Walker	6
*Frank Barraclough ...	3	Alan J. Brown	7
Miss R. M. Elkington	4	David Vincent	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Miss G. E. Murkitt (16)	*Treble*	*Miss F. D. Murkitt (19)	5
*Miss M. R. Jaycock (14)	2	*Miss Joyce Hearn (18)	6
*Miss M. Pemberton (18)	3	*Cyril A. Burgess ...	7
*Miss J. Broomfield (18)	4	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Walter P. Whitehead. Conducted by Geo. Gilbert.
* First in method. First on the bells and by a local band. Composition now rung for the first time.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Jill Brittain ...	...*Treble*	Denis N. Layton	5
*Harry Cheesman ...	2	Frank E. Darby	6
†Michael Layton	3	Albert J. Adams	7
*Malcolm E. H. Pitstow	4	Albert E. Cheesman ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Albert J. Adams.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Jean Bell	...*Treble*	Raymond G. Lofty ...	5
*George H. Moore ...	2	Ernest G. Shorting ...	6
Eileen Bracey	3	Nolan Golden	7
Charles H. Moore ...	4	William C. Duffield ...	*Tenor*

Composed by George F. Williams. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal, aged 13. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

*MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	†JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
†F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
ARNOLD HILL	3	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
*JACK G. BROTHWELL	4	*JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. BAKER. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method † 50th peal of Surprise together.
First in method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
*WILLIAM ROGERS	2	†THOMAS E. SONE	6
WALTER H. DOBBIE	3	BERNARD V. COLLISON	7
†CHARLES BASSETT	4	ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOS. E. SONE.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	CECIL L. GUY	5
JOAN SALMONS	2	ALFRED T.* GREENWOOD	6
*MISS HAZEL DALE	3	FREDK. W. ROGERS	7
*ERNEST F. SALMONS	4	FREDK. W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Shipway's. Tenor 20 cwt.

*CYRIL DUDDINGTON	*Treble*	‡JAMES H. GREEN	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	WILLIAM SMITH	6
†GERALD BRIDGER	3	LAWRENCE W. HADMAN	7
DENIS D. WRIGHT	4	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(St. Peter's, Leeds, Society.)
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 lb. in F. (Rung on the light 8.)

*HAROLD ROLLISON	*Treble*	JOHN HOGG	5
ARNOLD COLE	2	FREDERICK SEAGER	6
†THOMAS W. THIRKELL	3	LEONARD DRAKE	7
RONALD H. DOVE	4	FRANK GIBBARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS	5
*ALBERT PARKER	2	JAMES L. WRIGHT	6
*MISS MURIEL REAY	3	*JOHN ASHCROFT	7
ALBERT GREENHALGH	4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in method.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	ERNEST C. STAFF	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON	2	†ARTHUR ROOPE	6
FREDERICK ELLIOTT	3	FREDK. J. ROOPE	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	*ARTHUR C. W. ROOPE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal. † First peal for 38 years. Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF EDINBURCH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* 300th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells, and by all the band.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*THOMAS A. CLARK	*Treble*	ERIC B. HARTLEY	5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	2	FREDK. W BRINKLOW	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	†JOHN E. ROOTES	7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
On the 'Margaret eight.' Tenor 17 cwt.

*COLIN P. WALKER	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	GORDON A. OLLIFFE	6
JOSIAH MORRIS	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN BRAMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Major.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR HOODLESS	*Treble*	THOMAS WHEAT	5
FREDERICK A. SALTER	2	*FRANK BRADLEY	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT	3	HARRY ROGERS	7
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	4	WALTER NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* 125th peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED LACEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR CROWDER	5
GEORGE W. MOODY	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE DOBBS	7
GEORGE THOMPSON	4	FRANK LORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by FRANK LORD.

OVER, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*KEITH NORMAN	*Treble*	A. WILLIAM T. GINN	5
*MISS C. DUNNINGTON	2	WILLIAM BAVIN	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

HERBERT G. GODDARD	*Treble*	ALBERT PRYKE	5
HARRY TURNER	2	GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS	6
*MISS PAMELA KEMP	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
HENRY T. WILSON	4	JOHN SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C. 24). Conducted by H. TURNER.
* First peal on eight bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Harry Boswell ...	...*Treble*	J. Dennis Holden ...	5
Arthur V. Pearson ...	2	George E. Fearn ...	6
Alan F. Thirst	3	Eric E. Speake	7
Albert D. Collins ...	4	Arthur Pritchard ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

Arthur Tilston ...	...*Treble*	Thos. R. Griffiths ...	5
Miss N. Bibby	2	George H. Randles ...	6
Fredk. R. Evans	3	John A. Randles ...	7
William Cathrall ...	4	Robert Jarvis ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George H. Randles.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's (varied callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

H. Benjamin Bull	...*Treble*	Harold S. Peacock ...	4
John W. C. Blythe ...	2	Chas. H. J. Gravette...	5
Cyril J. Young	3	Stanley Gilbert ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Spliced Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

Harold Franklin	...*Treble*	R. Michael E. Richards	4
E. Glyn Holdgate ...	2	Eric J. Sterland	5
Peter H. Wright ...	3	Brynley A. Richards...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Arthur Sheppard	...*Treble*	Girling Rigby	4
John Gibb	2	Philip L. Parrott ...	5
Denis R. Carlisle ...	3	Edward F. Gobey ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip L. Parrott.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Miss Ellen Rice	...*Treble*	Robert Critchley ...	4
Miss Vera Draper ...	2	Cuthbert Ackers	5
Jack Pounds	3	Arthur Mawdsley ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mawdsley.
* First peal.

WESTONING, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court. Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

C. E. Jeffries ...	...*Treble*	*Alfred E. Rushton ...	4
L. Michael Callow ...	2	Andrew C. Sinfield ...	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Bryan F. Sims ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. E. Jeffries.
* First peal of Minor.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*John H. R. Betts	...*Treble*	Edward F. Harnett ...	4
Muriel V. Tassell ...	2	George F. Cantrill ...	5
Alfred W. Bodiam ...	3	Maurice G. White ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Cantrill.
* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Augustin V. Good	...*Treble*	Terence Morton	4
Edwin J. Upton	2	Herbert Gates	5
William J. Puddifoot...	3	William C. Hughes ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William C. Hughes.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,820 of Plain Bob and 3,220 of Grandsire Doubles.
Tenor 19 cwt.

*Victor G. Rose	...*Treble*	†George A. Moore ...	4
†Miss Ena Bennett ...	2	Henry A. Gummer ...	5
†Ronald Pearce	3	†George Burbidge ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry A. Gummer.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two different extents of Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Miss Molly Valentine	*Treble*	Philip Jones	4
Bertie O. Soden ...	2	George Care	5
*Stanley Earl	3	Eric Nobles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Nobles.
* First of Minor.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

Henry Luther ...	...*Treble*	Henry Colley	4
*Sidney Ansell	2	*Raymond Wood, jun....	5
*Henry Weaver	3	Frank Chipper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond Wood, jun.
* First peal in method.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents (10 different callings).

Miss P. G. Kitchen ...	*Treble*	G. C. Goodman	4
*Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne	2	*Mrs. M. Kitchen ...	5
F. E. Hawthorne ...	3	G. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. Hawthorne.
* First peal.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's (varied callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

*John Mitchell	.....*Treble*	†Michael Board	4
John Carter	2	Brian Pidgeon	5
Sidney Skinner	3	John Quick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on bells by local ringers.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 32 six-scores and five 240's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

FRANK R. MITCHELL	...*Treble*	HENRY T. COLIN	3
MISS JOAN WRIGHT ...	2	JOHN H. SMITH	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
IN THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALGERIA W. ELLERY	...*Treble*	WALTER G. TREVETT ...	4
W. HAROLD TOMS ...	2	HENRY J. FORD	5
JOSEPH H. HAYNE ...	3	CHARLES G. FORD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH H. HAYNE.
* First peal away from tenor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 extents (10 callings) Morris' 240.

NORMAN ROWLEY ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH GREGORY	4
HARRY CLARIDGE	2	GEORGE GOLDER	5
ERIC CLARIDGE	3	WM. C. STACKHOUSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH GREGORY.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 3 different 240's and 36 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALEC GILMAN ...	...*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	4
JACK W. DREW	2	*THOMAS OSBORNE ...	5
ARCHIE T. OSBORNE ...	3	*EVAN MINCHINGTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal.

(Peals continued on page 528.)

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD SINGLE BOB, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

J. HAZLEHURST ...	...*Treble*	G. LEDSHAM	4
L. L. GRAY	2	H. ROGERS	5
T. GILBERT	3	T. ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*C. DOWDEN	...*Treble*	W. HART	4
*E. THOMAS	2	G. PRESCOTT	5
*C. BOWDEN	3	J. WEAKLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. PRESCOTT.
* First peal.

BRECON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. SMITH	...*Treble*	DAVID J. GRIFFITHS ...	4
DAVID H. BENNETT ...	2	BERNARD H. DAVIES ...	5
*MELVILLE S. HOWCROFT	3	*VERNON H. CLARK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID H. BENNETT.
* First peal.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven variations of callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*D. G. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	F. G. BOYCE	4
†W. SAVAGE	2	H. C. READ	5
E. G. BENTON	3	G. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. BAILEY.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP

This issue is devoted almost exclusively to ringing for our new Royal Prince. We hope to complete in our next issue peals rung in honour of this happy event for Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. After that we shall revert to dealing with those peals rung prior to the national rejoicing.

Mr. James George rang 7-8 in his 95th birthday peal on November 27th. A wonderful achievement!

It was Christopher Pinchbeck who was Master of the College Youths in 1752 and gave his name to the alloy of zinc and copper, and not Pitchbeck as reported in our last issue. To our West Country friend and others who corrected us we thank them.

Last week we published the news of the rededication of the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury. We have since learnt that Ald. J. S. Rambridge, who made himself responsible for raising the £1,500 required, has received a cheque for over £300 from a generous donor to complete the appeal.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Roger Keeley, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, on scoring his first peal at the age of 13 by ringing an 'inside' bell to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Lyme Regis on November 20th. The band wish to offer their condolences to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who was unable to take part in the peal owing to indisposition. Messrs. H. G. Keeley and C. W. Powell have now 'circled' the Lyme Regis tower.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to commence work on the augmentation of Birmingham Cathedral bells, so they will not be available for ringing until February. The present 5th, 6th and 7th bells are to be hung in a new frame and the front four moved into larger pits, which entails the fitting of new headstocks. There will be three modern twelves in Birmingham—one from each of the founders—in time for the next Johnson dinner.

A letter by air mail from Mr. Francis T. Waite, of Durban, S.A., states that he visited a cinema on November 19th and was interested to see the ringers in action at Westminster. He could not recognise the ringers or the method rung, as there was so much interruption. He asks for this information. We believe the answer is to be found in the peal at Westminster Abbey published in this issue. The method was unquestionably Stedman.

At Hornchurch, Essex, Mr. Harry Turner will well remember the royal birth peal. It was his 100th. And many more!

Not all the peal attempts for the Royal Prince were successful. At Rotherfield a fine effort was lost after 2½ hours owing to a shift course. Another band lost a peal at Sevenoaks after 1 hour and 25 minutes, the conductor missing a bob.

On November 16th, the Sunday service ringers of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, met to attempt a peal of London Surprise Major in honour of the birth of a prince. When they had rung for over an hour the lights were switched off at the main, by the verger, as was afterwards discovered.

At Naseby, Northants, the home of Princess Elizabeth during some of her younger days, pigeons are blamed for a lost peal on November 15th. The fourth bell 'dropped' badly and the rope once jumped the wheel. On examination it was found that mounds of pigeon manure had settled in the grooves, and nests and dead pigeons were under the bells. These bells were rehung as recently as 1939. What surprises us is that a peal was attempted by experienced ringers without an inspection of the bells. The band hope to have another try for the peal at the christening of the royal baby and after cleaning operations in the bell chamber.

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THE ROYAL BABY RECEIVES NATION-WIDE WELCOME

GREAT INTEREST IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY PEAL ..... KILBURN ALSO TELEVISED ..... BURTON ST. PAUL'S CHALLENGE ..... PEAL RINGING AT 81 ..... THE METHOD 'EDINBURGH DELIGHT'

RINGERS in every county welcomed the Royal Prince born to Princess Elizabeth on the evening of November 14th. Owing to the lateness of the announcement—it was proclaimed on the 10 p.m. news—there were no peal attempts started the same day. On the Monday ringing was extensive.

The tower in which most public interest was centred was the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster. Mr. H. N. Pitstow and his company were photographed practising for the great occasion and were subjected to many Press interviews.

Immediately the peal concluded, reporters and photographers came into the belfry as well as cameramen from Gaumont British News. Ringers who attend cinemas were able to recognise certain personalities who are household names in the Exercise.

Mr. Pitstow was not, however, permitted to lapse into obscurity. Those who had television sets saw him in the Wednesday Magazine feature. Seated at a grand piano, he talked about ringing and gave an example of change ringing on the piano. Reference was made to his uncle, who conceived the Pitstow variation of Thurstans' peal.

From the grandeur of Westminster the story is taken up by lowly Kilburn. Here a peal is an event in itself, not only because of the extreme lightness of the trebles, but also as one peal is the yearly ration!

The peal rung was Grandsire Triples, and this was the first in this method, though peals of Bristol, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung by expert bands before the bells were rehung.

Performing on November 15th was a far from expert band—four were ringing their first of Grandsire and the treble a first on eight bells. The whole band consisted of regular service ringers, who (writes R.M.D.) feel that most of the credit is due to the conductor.

Kilburn ringers were well prepared for the occasion. Several days before the event a B.B.C. film camera made its appearance in the belfry and made a film of the ringers and the bells. Part of the film was used in a special news reel in the television programme on the evening of November 15th, though it seems that whereas only the élite male members of the band were sufficiently photogenic, the bells seem to possess all the necessary qualities for television.

FIRST GREETINGS.

Where were the first bells rung for the Royal Prince in the British Isles? At Gresford, near Wrexham, they were ringing at 10.30 p.m. on the Sunday evening.

At All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey, they were rung from 11.20 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. The conductor toured the district in a car turning out the ringers. The local Press complimented the ringers.

Mr. Arthur C. W. Roope resumed peal ringing after an absence of 37 years at Pulham Market, Norfolk.

Thirteen-year-old George H. Moore rang his first peal for the royal baby at Hethersett, Norfolk.

Lincoln Cathedral's salutation was in Stedman Cinques, brought round in 3 hours and 41 minutes.

An interesting feature about the royal peal at Cheadle, Staffs. was that it was the first peal of Minor on the bells, which were installed in 1722.

Mr. George E. Fearn rang in four peals of congratulation. A happy week.

The peal at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, was also a compliment to Mr. William Jones, who has now completed 50 years' service in this tower as a ringer.

CONTINUITY AT LEEDS.

A sign of the revival of ringing at Leeds is the peal by St. Peter's Society by the Sunday service band. This is the first peal to be rung here by a local company since 1900. Readers will remember that the misfortunes of this tower were the subject of an editorial 'Continuity,' on April 11th, 1947.

There was a broadcast of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, during the ringing of the peal on November 19th in the 6 o'clock news. It was in honour of the birth of the new Prince.

At Spalding, Lincs, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief after 4 hours 40 minutes' ringing owing to the clapper of the third bell breaking. The ringers were only three courses from the end.

Five members of the band who rang at St. John the Divine's, Leicester, were under 20, the youngest being George H. Hebborn, aged 13.

The retiring Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. George W. Cecil) called a royal peal at Cuckfield for the Sussex County Association.

The greeting of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths was on the bells of Chilham, Kent.

FIVE ROYAL OCCASIONS.

In sending in their peal of Oxford Bob Triples, St. Paul's, Burton, band state that they have rung peals during the last 18 months for five royal occasions, viz.: Monday, April 21st, 1947, H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday; Friday, August 22nd, 1947, H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 17th birthday; Thursday, November 20th, 1947, wedding of Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh: Monday, April 24th, 1948, silver wedding of their Majesties the King and Queen; Monday, November 15th, 1948, birth of the Prince. The first four were rung on the actual dates, the latter one being rung within 24 hours of the event. Is this a record?

There is a belief by Mr. Stanley Gilbert, who conducted the peal for the royal birth at Brampton, Hunts, that it was the first peal on the bells. Any questioners?

At Huyton, Lancs, 3,000 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the Monday, with 79-year-old Mr. W. Birchall on the fifth. The bells came round at 9.14 p.m. exactly 24 hours after the royal birth.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Sawston, Cambs, was the first on the bells by a purely local band. It contained four first pealers.

Mr. Henry Jarrett, who rang his first peal at Chester-le-Street, came straight from his work at the coal face to participate.

The quarter-peal at Chichester Cathedral was followed by firing the bells 21 times to mark the ringing as a royal salute.

Participating in a quarter of Superlative Surprise Major at Irthlingborough, Northants. were Messrs. W. Perkins and A. Y. Tyler, aged 80 and 79 respectively.

HUNTINGDON'S KEENNESS.

Messrs. J. Blythe, H. S. Peacock and S. Gilbert, of Huntingdon, rang for 13 hours 50 minutes together during the week following the birth of the Prince. They took part in five successful peals, on five successive evenings (Monday to Friday) in different towers, Mr. Gilbert conducting two of them. No doubt a sixth attempt would have been made on Saturday but for a district meeting of the Ely Association, which they all attended.

The birthday of Miss June Wright, daughter of Mr. Cyril Wright, who rang at Bolsover, Derbyshire, coincided with the date of the royal birth.

At St. David's College, Lampeter, the happy occasion was heralded by two handbell peals.

FIRST GREETING FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dear Sir,—The Christ Church Cathedral bells were the first in the Empire to ring in honour of the birth of a Prince to Princess Elizabeth on Sunday, November 14th.

Ringing commenced within 30 minutes of the announcement of the birth and consisted first of Victoria Surprise and firing and then two touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples with firing between courses and concluded with Queens and more firing.

At 6.30 p.m. ringing recommenced with Victoria Surprise and firing and then a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. W. Izard from the seventh bell. The striking of the bells was perfect and the quarter-peal of 1,260 changes was true from start to finish. Those taking part were G. White, D. Boniface, A. C. Melhuish, A. Izard, A. King, A. B. Lomas, E. W. Izard and E. J. Merritt. It was first quarter-peal rung by G. White and E. J. Merritt. Mr. Melhuish is over 80 years of age and still a regular ringer. G. White, D. Boniface, A. Izard and E. W. Izard are all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

We feel that your readers will be interested to know that in this furthermost part of the Empire ringing is being carried out with great enthusiasm.

The Cathedral bells were cast and tuned by Mears and Stainbank, they are in the scale of D flat and are the same weight as those in Westminster Abbey.—Yours very truly,

E. W. IZARD.

THE OLDEST?

The oldest ringer to participate in a full peal was Mr. George Thompson, aged 81, of Hinckley, Leics. Mr. B. Ridgway, captain of the band, kindly consented to stay in the belfry in case he was needed to take over. This was not required, however, as the veteran rang his bell faultlessly throughout the peal. It is 21 years since a local band rang a peal at Hinckley. While the conductor rang for the Coronation of the Princess' great-grandfather, this was his first peal as conductor.

By ringing the tenor, Mr. Joseph Saxton has 'circled' his home tower, Bolsover, Derbyshire, in peals.

EDINBURGH DELIGHT AND SURPRISE.

Edinburgh Delight was the appropriate method selected by the ringers at All Saints', Wigston, Leicestershire, for their royal peal. The peal was rung by the Sunday service band.

Mr. Frank Blondell returned to the tower of his first peal, Chipping Barnet, Herts, to participate in a royal birth peal. The former was rung 54½ years ago!

Trust Frodsham, Cheshire, ringers to rise to the occasion. They produced Edinburgh Surprise Major, which was a first for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band. The first peal in this method was rung at Leiston on December 8th, 1923.

At the College Youths' dinner, Mr. E. H. Lewis suggested a 'Bob' peal if the royal baby was a boy. St. Peter's Society, Burnham, responded with 'Little Bob.' And it was a first for six of George Gilbert's talented young ladies!

For Silverton, Devon, the quarter of Grandsire Triples was a particularly happy occasion. It was the first quarter of Triples on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1937. Previous attempts for the royal engagement and marriage and several afterwards were all lost for various reasons.

Leicester Cathedral rang Cambridge Surprise Maximus, with Mr. Harold Poole conducting from the treble.

ALFORD, LINCS. — At St. Wilfrid's Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, Mrs. J. Smith (first in method) 2, Miss H. E. Broomhead (first quarter) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, I. Smith 5, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 6.

BELFAST, N. IRELAND.—At St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with tenor covering): N. Alexander 1, W. O. Rogan 2, H. J. McGrath 3, W. Patterson 4, A. E. McGrath (first quarter as cond.) 5, S. McClelland 6, R W. Adamson (first quarter in method) 7, F. G. Burrows 8.

BLACKPOOL, LANCS.—At St. John's, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. W. Todd (first in method) 1, A. Hague 2, H. Benson (first quarter) 3, J. Parker 4, W. K. Boville 5, L. Green 6, J. H. Foster (cond.) 7, J. W. Todd (first in method) 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, A. Crane 2, W. Daniells 3, F. Stonton 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. D. Meager 6, W. Sear (cond.) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bladon 1, Miss Wendy Peake (first quarter, age 11) 2, A. R. Peake 3, W. H. Trueman (cond.) 4, J. Vincent 5.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Elsie Leyland 1, W. Aaron 2, Miss Lily Dunn 3, L. Peters 4, A. E. Sandeford 5, T. Bratby 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. F. Hilton 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At St. George's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Maddocks 1, C. Horrocks 2, F. Rushton 3, E. Ford (cond.) 4, J. Crossley 5, H. Owen 6, J. E. Owen 7, H. Rushton 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, R. Brown 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Freeston 4, D. White 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jackson 1, C. H. Jallands 2, C. T. Samuel 3, A. W. Ward 4, J. W. Kirton 5, L. B. Box 6, G. W. Creasey (cond.) 7, W. Pacey 8.

BOYNE HILL, BERKS.—1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Sutton 1, G. Martin 2, Mrs. P. Poole 3, T. Goodchild 4, W. Walker 5, J. Eldridge 6, D. Poole 7, E. E. Gosling 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 7.

BRADFORD, YORKS. — At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Simpson (cond.) 1, J. Hardcastle 2, E. Jenkins 3, Miss Mary Lingard 4, J. W. Cundall 5, A. Ashton 6, L. W. G. Morris 7, D. Marshall 8, T. Pedder (covering) tenor. First in method 4 and 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Michael, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Warner 1, H. J. Collins 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Wiffin 4, R. Martin 5, H. G. Felton 6, L. W. Wiffin 7, A. Wiffin (cond.) 8.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—1,920 Bob Minor: P. J. Eastland (longest length) 1, L. Fisher 2, F. Boam 3, W. Steal 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6.

BRAMLEY, HANTS. — 1,440 Bob Minor: W. H. Perry 1, Miss J. Baby 2, Mrs. C. Osler 3, Miss O. Osler 4, W. Clift (cond.) 5, C. Herridge 6.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKS.—At St. Agatha's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Audrey Castell 1, D. Read 2, R. Pease 3, S. Turley 4, F. Castell (cond.) 5, A. G. King 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Bennett 1, F. J. Sampson 2, F. Skidmore 3, V. Lucas 4, A. C. Baker 5, N. Denson (first quarter) 6, E. J. Ridler (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—480 Plain Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Pawley 1, W. R. Drury 2, J. R. Flint 3, H. Bird 4, C. E. Carr (cond.) 5, T. C. Scarborough 6.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Warden 1, Miss R. Ashley 2, H. F. Ashley 3, A. J. Hinde 4, S. Carter 5, H. Ashley (first as cond.) 6.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—1,440 Bob Minor: G. Bentley 1, D. Holmes 2, F. Forster 3, J. Marriott 4, J. Bagshaw 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS OF WELCOME

to the son of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh

Rung on Nov. 15th, 1948

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — 1,260 Minor (60 Kent, 720 Oxford, 480 Plain Bob): K. Everett 1, R. C. Heazel 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, E. J. Howard 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Port (first on ten bells) 1, J. Walter 2, G. R. French 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, S. G. White (first in method) 5, S. Walter 6, F. R. Weller (composer and cond.) 7, T. Holmes 8, C. E. Buesden 9, H. R. French 10.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Taylor 1, E. Drake 2, Mrs. A. M. Guy 3, W. Upton 4, A. Jackson 5, A. Drake 6, C. F. Guy (cond.) 7, F. Attrill 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Dunford 1, W. R. Falconer 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, Miss J. Humphrey 4, F. G. Cooper 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dunn'l, G. Eagle 2, A. Hart (cond.) 3, H. Tulke 4, F. Winter 5, C. Pike 6.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Bolton 2, E. G. Swift (cond.) 3, F. T. Bolton 4, E. G. Stevens 5, S. Blackmore (first quarter) 6.

CHOLSEY, BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Garlick 1, J. Money 2, F. Smewin 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Fletcher (cond.) 5, F. Wise and H. Ecote covering tenors.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON. — 1,260 Doubles in 10 methods, being 120 changes each of Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Blaise and 180 changes of Grandsire: G. Cox 1, Miss L. Pimm 2, E. Hill 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, G. Wright 5.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS. — At the Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, A. Law 6, W. H. Hayward 7, R. R. Wallis 8.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE. — At All Saints' Church, Claverley, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Newman 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, T. Davies 8.

CREWE, CHESHIRE. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Holloway 1, H. F. Holding 2, R. T. Holding 3, W. Kerr 4, G. A. Packer 5, J. W. Edge 6, R D. Langford (cond.) 7, W. F. Stenson 8.

CUMNOR, BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Holmes 1, Mrs. M. Neale 2, Mrs. F. Stevens 3, F. Messenger (cond.) 4, F. Absolam 5, H. Snell 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM. — At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Ough 1, H. H. Abrahams 2, E. Burnett 3, D. Airey 4, T. Senior 5, T. Hill 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, L. Venus 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, P. E. Ball 3, P. Preston (first in method) 4, H. Pailing 5, R. A. Ward 6, J. A. Barratt (cond.) 7, W. Perkins 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Miller (first quarter) 1, E. F. Pearson 2, G. F. Burton 3, J. W. Barber 4, E. J. Smith 5, C. H. Kinch 6, W. J. Cross (cond.) 7, G. E. Deeley 8.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Smith 1, C. Parnell 2, B. Last 3, O. Knights 4, Fred Harrold 5, D. Miles 6, G. Adams 7, B. Gogle (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Major by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, G. Winter 2, P. Hunt 3, A. T. Weeks 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. Mortimer 6.

DINDER, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Morgan 1, P. Keevil 2, E. Hill (first quarter) 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, R. Smith 5, H. Hill (first quarter) 6.

DOVER, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, F. T. Ellender 2, Lieut. E. C. Bates, R.A. (first quarter-peal) 3, C. George 4, H. J. Saunders 5, E. J. Walker 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, F. Dennis 8.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Perry 1, F. Harrington 2, R. Boykett 3, B. Elliot 4, G. Schlueter 5, Dr. Castleden 6, W. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Saunders 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Howard 1, J. E. Beams 2, H. E. Good 3, H. Tourle 4, J. Hill 5, F. Oakshott 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas'. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ryall 1, F. Wills 2, W. A. Wills 3, C. P. Yates 4, A. Newman 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, W. Fairchild 8.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK. — 1,280 Bob Major: R. Ling 1, Mrs. V. Ovens 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, L. Freeman (first quarter) 4, V. Ovens 5, R. Lingwood 6, G. L. Dye 7, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. H. Treweek 1, G. S. Joyce 2, R. H. Mills (first 'inside') 3, E. Haines 4, A. C. Casson (cond.) 5, H. Whichcord 6.

FEERING ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Langstone 1, S. Fisher 2, J. Newman 3, J. Papworth 4, H. Nichols (cond.) 5, J. E. Elliot 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Peskett 1, J. B. Daughtry 2, G. W. Holliss 3, H. J. Peskett 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, W. J. Bristow 6

GOOLE, YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. Drake 2, C. W. King 3, J. Waud 4, H. Waud 5, J. J. Taylor 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, G. Waud 8.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. — At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. J. Willis-Betts 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, Mrs. J. Stephenson 3, J. F. Corder 4, W. Clarke 5, F. Bloomfield 6, F. Willis-Betts (cond.) 7, N. Goody 8.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Robinson 1, G. Beaney (first in method) 2, G. Tonkin 3, E. Breed 4, W. Stepney 5, B. Stepney 6, J. Hobden (cond.) 7, M. Puttock 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bywaters 1, R. Fuller 2, Miss D. Hare 3, G. Dear 4, K. Wilton 5, J. Church (cond.) 6.

HESSLE, E. YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Reaveley 1, Miss M. Miligan (first quarter) 2, F. C. Lister 3, F. W. Dale 4, H. Speck (cond.) 5, J. Poole 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (1,080 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Mrs. J. Naish 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—2,520 Stedman Triples: D. C. Mears 1, L. Runnacles 2, A. E. Symonds 3, W. J. Croft 4, E. W. Winters 5, C. V. Hare 6, L. Fidler (cond.) 7, F. W. Croft 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, J. Goodall (first quarter-peal) 4, E. F. Pryor 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HURST, BERKS. — At St. Nicholas'. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering: E. Allum 1, C. W. Mortimer 2, Miss E. Green (first 'inside') 3, C. Eeele 4, B. C. Castle (cond.) 5, J. Harland 6, F. H. Hicks 7, E. Bailey 8.

HUYTON, LANCS.—3,000 Grandsire Doubles (being 21 six-scores, 10 callings and 2 Morris' 240): Doreen M. Jones (15) 1, S. T. Smith 2, F. Mars 39, T. Eric Gore 4, W. Birchall (79) 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. The longest touch by all except the conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, J. Kape 3, W. Lee 4, Miss A. Smith 5, R. P. Newton 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Chambers 1, J. Skerritt 2, W. Perkins 3, G. La Marquand 4, B. Lewis 5, A. Y. Tyler 6, J. J. Mawby 7, A. Bigley (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 4 and 5.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Kentigern's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Grisdale 1, T. Hogarth 2, T. Wilson 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, F. Hogarth 5, F. Barnes 6, H. S. Grisdale (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. W. Brownrigg 8.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norina Bond 1, H. Nicholson 2, A. H. Fox (cond.) 3, F. W. Dale 4, R. Pearson 5, G. R. Hessey 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, W. Jarvis 2, G. S. Smith 3, W. Fayers 4, S. H. Symonds 5, F. C. Boreham 6, L. C. Offord 7, L. G. Pryke 8.

LEAFIELD, OXON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wright 1, N. Locke 2, L. Smith 3, Peggy Wilshire 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, A. Wilshire 6.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin P. Walker 1, Charles V. Cattell 2, S. A. Martin 3, Arthur Cattell 4, Alan Cattell (cond.) 5, Coin Kirk 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, Miss V. Willard 2, W. Insley 3, H. B. Witney 4, W. Jeffs 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, F. Plummer 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Court and 180 Plain Bob: F. Dixon 1, A. Melton 2, F. Crowe 3, C. Brown 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS. — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bale 1, Ruth Avery 2, Miss Q. Cooper 3, W. A. Avery (cond.) 4, S. Stevens 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter 1 and 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, C. W. Powell 5, S. H. Green 6, H. G. Keeley 7, C. E. Tett 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At Christ Church, 1,376 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Henshaw 1, A. A. Potts 2, W. Stevenson 3, A. V. Rees 4, W. Gayes 5, H. Farrer 6, G. Farrer 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Church of St. Dionysius, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Kilsby 1, Miss M. Barrow 2, C. Windram 3, W. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, G. Hollick 6, W. Hector (cond.) 7, F. Wallington 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hicks 1, L. Duke 2, C. Sharples 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, C. E. Taylor 5, D. Martin 6.

MAULDEN, BEDS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bert Herman 1, M. J. Lockey 2, Archie Murphy 3, R. J. Sharp 4, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 5, Sidney Sharp 6.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, John Ingham 3, James Ingham 4, A. Bottomley 5, F. Greenwood (cond.) 6, J. Parker 7, R. Grave 8.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Davies 1, J. E. Brough (cond.) 2, J. Thomas 3, T. S. Astbury 4, F. Barnard 5, F. Ollier 6, E. J. Boffey 7, H. Stubbs 8.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. N. Lane 1, A. D. Tremeer 2, H. Newnham 3, E. M. Lane 4, S. McCutcheon 5, G. Allen (first 'inside') 6, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 7, W. G. Smith (first of Triples) 8. First quarter 1 and 5.

NEWPORT, MON. — At All Saints'. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Jones 1, F. Charles 2, F. J. Whitfield 3, B. Wilson 4, D. Clarke 5, Rev. Ivor J. Richards 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, S. Webb 8.

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NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Upton 1, W. Scott 2, A. Jackson 3, E. Drake 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Drake 6, C. F. Guy 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

NORTHAMPTON. — At All Saints' 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Atterbury 1, G. Tanner 2, W. Allen 3, G. S. Valentine 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. H. Austin 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, W. G. Farey 8.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND. — At St. James', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Porteous 1, A. T. Sunter, jun. 2, R. J. G. Thom 3, R. W. Clouston 4, N. Sharpe 5, R. Ling (cond.) 6, A. T. Sunter 7. First quarter by 1, 2 and 7.

PAULTON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Clare 1, Mrs. T. Kimber 2, Mark Hillman 3, F. Savage 4, D. Mackay (cond.) 5, V. Savage 6.

POOLSTOCK, LANCS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Parkes 1, J. Burns 2, W. O. Farrimond 3, J. Errington 4, S. Clough 5, S. Forshaw (cond.) 6.

PRESTWICK, LANCS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 covering): V. Eckersall 1, H. Hardisty 2, G. Saunders 3, F. Reynolds (cond.) 4, F. Maude 5, L. Reynolds 6, G. A. Bell 7, A. Leighton 8. First in method 1 and 2.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, J. Reed 2, D. Tregarthen 3, H. Seymour 4, S. Seymour 5, G. Clemens 6, V. Williams (cond.) 7, P. Williams 8.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. B. Kynaston 1, Beryl Strange 2, T. I. Holborow 3, Bernice Strange 4, J. E. Manners (cond.) 5, W. M. Greenaway 6.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Poulter 1, G. Pidwell (first quarter on eight) 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce 4, A. Hunter 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Picthall 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—1,440 Kent Treble Bob: W. J. Parker (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, L. Paice 3, J. A. Parker 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Paice 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Cann 1, Miss V. J. Ford (first quarter) 2, C. H. J. Arscott 3, L. H. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott (first as cond.) 5, H. L. Arscott 6.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS. — 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Englefield (first in method) 1, Miss B. Englefield (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Perry 3, E. A. Smith 4, J. Chesterman 5, D. Fraser (first as cond.) 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pinn 1, K. Clarke 2, M. Denner 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, E. Chown 5, E. Summers 6, G. C. Woodley 7, R. Butt 8. First quarter of Triples 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bromfield 1, N. Farrant 2, R. Teed 3, H. Dyer 4, R. Pike 5, J. Arbury 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, B. Vincent 8.

SILEBY, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 covering): G. L. Lovett (cond.) 1, B. Trasler 2, N. Trasler 3, R. Walker 4, W. Swan 5, G. Wild 6, W. W. Draper 7, G. Mathews 8.

SILVERTON, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. G. Selley 1, C. G. Dymond 2, R. Harris 3, D. Brooks 4, W. E. Richards 5, A. G. Selley (first of Triples as cond.) 6, J. R. Hutchings 7, D. G. French 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for all except the conductor, and his first of Triples as conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Lister 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, W. E. Judd 3, W. Butler 4, Miss A. A. Ewins 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6, H. W. Barrett 7, E. H. Preston 8.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. H. Kippin 2, D. Cecil Williams 3, M. Butler 4, Miss Nelia M. Leahy 5, H. Higson 6, F. White 7, R. Brown 8, R. Faithfull 9, O. N. Curtis 10. First quarter of Bob Royal for 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—A quarter-peal of Bob Minor: Mary Shadrack 1, J. Myhill 2, J. K. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, E. J. Runter 5, H. Devenish (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Minor (360 Plain Bob, 720 Single Oxford Bob, 180 Court Bob): R. Motson 1, E. Cox (first 'inside') 2, G. Slaughter 3, P. D. Baldock (first as cond.) 4, J. H. Bluff 5, James Bluff 6.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Michelson 1, Mrs. Hiscock 2, F. Fairhead (first quarter) 3, W. Parker 4, E. Butler 5, M. Harbott 6, W. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8.

STANDON, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: Keith Smith (first quarter, age 14) 1, J. Smith 2, W. Smith 3, R. Stacey 4, S. Smith 5, H. Groom (cond.) 6.

STONE, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Chaplain 1, J. Kane 2, E. Young 3, L. Bowden 4, J. Head 5, W. Buckley 6, A. Rowley 7, H. Hodson 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hurst 1, W. Dillow 2, H. Tomkins 3, T. Chance 4, E. Yates 5, T. Trasler 6, H. Edwards (cond.) 7, A. Yates 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Herbert 1, A. Fitch 2, W. Scott 3, T. Bird 4, A. Haynes 5, L. Johnson 6, D. H. Elliott (cond.) 7, F. Bower 8.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS. — 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. Honey 1, D. Wilks (cond.) 2, James Honey 3, J. Honey 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker (first away from tenor) 1, K. Smith (first 'inside') 2, H. Dickens, jun. (first 'inside') 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson (first quarter) 6.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first of Stedman) 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, E. J. Berry 3, F. J. Daniell 4, H. Bishop 5, G. Wells 6, C. J. Gardiner (cond.) 7, T. Townsend 8, W. W. Daniell 9, W. Bullock 10.

THORLEY, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Kirk 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, F. Warboys, jun. (first quarter) 3, G. Newman 4, T. Camp 5, P. Warboys 6.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—1,260 Doubles, comprising three extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and one and a half Grandsire: P. Marriott 1, A. J. Marriott 2, W. G. Sear (cond.) 3, J. Hulse 4, T. J. Marriott 5, W. Noble 6.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Bullock 5, E. Margrett 6.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX. — 720 Stedman Doubles, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire: G. A. Packham 1, B. W. White 2, Miss S. M. Wickens 3, C. R. Longhurst 4, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 5.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Clarke 1, B. P. Morris (cond.) 2, P. G. Multon (first quarter 'inside') 3, B. F. Lumbers 4, L. G. Toseland 5, J. Bird (first quarter-peal) 6.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM. — 1,440 St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles on the back five: R. W. Leighton 1, G. Wall 2, S. Proud 3, S. Thompson (cond.) 4, S. Thompson, jun. 5.

WHITWICK, LEICS. — 720 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bowley 1, L. Chambers 2, C. W. Hall 3, J. Underwood 4, J. W. Bowley 5, R. Benison (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridgeway 1, T. F. Roberts 2, G. W. Holland 3, F. C. Case 4, W. Yates 5, J. A. Green 6, A. J. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WICKHAMBREAUX, CANTERBURY. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Killick 1, F. Ellen 2, J. Walker 3, S. G. White (cond.) 4, F. Wood 5, S. Walker 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — At St. Mary's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss I. Dearling 1, F. Cassell 2, H. Cox 3, J. Tomsitt 4, A. W. Taylor 5, E. V. Blake (cond.) 6, T. Brownhill 7.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Eddie Pettet	*Treble*	Fredk. Hurry	4
*Ivan Start	2	*Peter Matthews ...	5
*Lawrence Matthews...	3	Harry Churchman ...	6

†Sidney Matthews ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Hurry.
* First peal. † Covering bell.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

A. Gordon Lawrence...	*Treble*	*Miss Dorothy C. Osborn	4
Miss Elizabeth Morton	2	David Smith	5
Eric Hornby	3	Harry Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Gordon Lawrence.
* 25th peal.

THURLBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Firmin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 360 each of Norfolk, Antelope, April Day and Old Doubles, and 720 each of London, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. Wade	*Treble*	N. Horton	3
*Miss L. Crowson ...	2	F. French	4

C. Wade ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. Wade.
* First peal.

WATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 7 extents each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Fredk. G. Williams ...	*Treble*	Fredk. C. Johnson ...	4
Chas. E. C. Banham ...	2	Thomas A. A. Potter...	5
John Barnes	3	Leslie W. Houghton ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie W. Houghton.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Five different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Lewis J. Last	*Treble*	Cecil W. Pipe	4
George W. Pipe	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	5
George A. Fleming ...	3	*William J. Button ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*Percival W. Grice ...	*Treble*	Sidney H. Jones	4
Tom J. Marriott	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton ...	5
*Ernest W. Beadsmoore	3	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph William Cotton.
* First peal in four methods. First in four methods as conductor.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

Sidney Clements	*Treble*	Derek Sanderson ...	4
John W. C. Blythe ...	2	Stanley Gilbert	5
Harold S. Peacock ...	3	Frank Warrington ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten variations. Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

Edward Bennett ...	*Treble*	Percy Amos	3
*Miss Gladys Ashby ...	2	Philip Jones	4

William R. Hammons... *Tenor*

Conducted by Philip Jones.
* First peal away from the treble.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

*Cecil Dailly	*Treble*	John O. Weller	4
Doris E. Colgate ...	2	Edwin H. Lewis	5
Robert Collins	3	Fredk. W. Budgen ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin H. Lewis.
* First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings 4 times and one 240. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Colin P. Walker ...	*Treble*	Arthur Cattell	4
Charles V. Cattell ...	2	†Alan Cattell	5
*S. A. Martin	3	Colin Kirk	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Cattell.
* First of Grandsire. † 50th peal.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 18 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

John W. C. Blythe ...	*Treble*	Stanley Gilbert	3
Edmund J. Whiting ...	2	Harold S. Peacock ...	4

R. Frank Baker ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.
First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal in more than one method as conductor.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*David B. Wakefield...	*Treble*	Henry T. Wilson ...	4
*Lawrence H. Turner...	2	Harry Turner	5
Edward W. Palmer ...	3	Geoffrey B. Andrews	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, varied callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

John W. C. Blythe ...	*Treble*	Derek Sanderson ...	4
Harold S. Peacock ...	2	Stanley Gilbert	5
Frank W. Lack	3	Frank Warrington ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seve 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

Oswy Street	*Treble*	William Brett	4
*Miss Joan Greasby ...	2	John Newbert	5
Sydney Carnall	3	Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents, all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM POTTS	4
ERNEST TWIGG	2	WILLIAM EDWARDS ...	5
JOSEPH V. M. MOSLEY...	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, varied callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN SPICER	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	4
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ...	2	DEREK SANDERSON ...	5
STANLEY GILBERT	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST G. ORLAND ...	*Treble*	VICTOR A. PERRY	4
GEORGE H. HANCOCK ...	2	FREDK. W. HANCOCK ...	5
*FREDK. W. HUTT	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First of Minor.

SEAL CHART, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SIDNEY A. WHITE ...	*Treble*	*SYDNEY WHITEWAY ...	4
ANTHONY V. KEMP ...	2	ARTHUR WENBAN	5
EDNA M. SILLS	3	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Minor.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 22 extents of Plain Bob, 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*SAMUEL BLATCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM WEDLOCK ...	4
SIDNEY KING	2	HARRY KING	5
*SIDNEY STEVENS	3	*NORMAN KING	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MRS. D. R. CARLISLE...	*Treble*	KEITH HUDSTON	4
DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	2	GIRLING RIGBY	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	3	PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.
* First peal.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

MISS BESSIE CARTER ...	*Treble*	FREDK. G. BEDDOW ...	4
WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN F. BUTLER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Capel, (2) Capel and Sandal (spliced), (3) Sandal, (4) London Scholars, (5) London Scholars and Kingston (spliced), (6) Kington, (7) Oxford.

*MARGARET WHITE ...	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
ALEC RICHARDSON ...	2	ERIC ELLISON	5
JACK SMITH	3	JAMES A. MILNER ...	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES T. LAKER	*Treble*	EDMUND T. EXETER ...	4
*ROGER SQUIRE	2	ERIC H. KNAPP	5
ARTHUR C. STONER ...	3	ALBERT E. LAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. LAKER.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LAMPETER, CARDS.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,*
AT ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*HECTOR THOMAS	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	3-4
ROY HALLETT	5-6		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Minor.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor size 8 in G.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4
RONALD H. BULLEN	5-6		

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.
First of Minor 'in hand' by all and first in hand as conductor.

LAMPETER, CARDS.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,*
AT ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*KENNETH H. WILLIAMS...	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	3-4
REV. C. E. COX	5-6		

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7-8
*ROY C. HURST	9-10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal on 10 bells. Tenor size 18 in A.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, seven different callings. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

*A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	1-2	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
FRED E. DUKES	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in Ireland. 25th peal together by all the band.

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DEDICATION

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

On Saturday, November 6th, at the close of a beautiful autumn day, the bells of Holy Trinity, Stratford - upon - Avon, rang out, recast, rehung and rededicated.

A crowded church heard the Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Neville Gorton, dedicate the new ring to the glory of God and in memory of those who lost their lives in the second world war.

The new ring of ten bells, with a tenor of 19 cwt., was pronounced by a large assembly of ringers from many parts of the country to be in keeping with the beautiful church, famous as the resting place of William Shakespeare.

The original ring of eight (with a tenor of 14 cwt.), with two new bells added, is hung in a new iron frame with ball bearings and all modern equipment, the contract having been placed with John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

A new sound - proof floor has been erected above the ringing room.

At the close of the service the bells were rung to Stedman Caters by the local band, and afterwards in a variety of methods, including Cambridge Royal by visiting ringers.

Inscriptions and weight of the new bells :—

Treble.—Dick Stokes-Roberts, Lt., Grenadier Guards, M.C., Italy, 1944 — aged 21 — 1948. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

2.—The Ringers' Bell, 1948, V. B. Hunt, Captain. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

3.—Peace, Cast 1887, Recast 1948. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

4.—Cast 1887, Recast 1948. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

5.—H. Bagley made me, 1742, Recast 1948. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

6.—Matthew Bagley made me, 1683, Recast 1948. 8 cwt. 16 lb.

7.—1733, Recast 1887, Recast 1948. 10 cwt. 23 lb.

8.—1733, Recast 1887, Recast 1948. 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

9.—1683, Recast 1948, Noel Prentice, Vicar, Ashley Clayton, George Lea, Gerald Price, Harry Tompkins, Churchwardens. 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Tenor.—1717. Recast 1948. 'The Faithful Dead, 1939-1945.' 19 cwt. 2 lb.

Total weight : 92 cwt. 1 qr.



Stratford-on-Avon ringers with their new bells. From left to right: W. Cockings, G. Price, D. Stanley, H. Price, H. Brookes, V. B. Hunt, Canon Noel Prentice (Vicar), J. Lyne, C. R. Steed, R. Chapman, J. A. Print, F. C. Lyne and G. Ingram.

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

About 25 members attended the quarterly meeting at Bronllys on November 13th, when the Guild's form of service was used by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies), who gave an address. Mr. D. Owens, a member of the local band, was organist and read the lesson. All present were entertained to tea afterwards by the local band.

At the business meeting Miss N. Bower and Mr. J. Parry (Talgarth) were elected members and thanks were expressed to local ringers and the ladies for their hospitality.

Good practice was put in during the afternoon, and Talgarth bells were available during the evening. The usual vote of thanks to the local band for giving the tea and the ladies for helping was carried.

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BIRTH

CORBY.—To Lucile M. (nee Hubbert), wife of Philip A. Corby, at the Queen Elizabeth Maternity Home, Nightingale Lane, S.W.12, a son (Andrew John). 4437

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.—A page will be reserved in our issue of Dec. 24th for this popular form of salutation from ringers to their friends. Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Colchester. 4364

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), Dec. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Good attendance, please, to welcome and meet Canon Sarson.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4325

LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting, Conisborough, Dec. 4th. Bells available 3 to 7 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food.—D. E. Kelly and H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Secs. 4404

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Room. 4377

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4397

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Shrivenham on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. — R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4403

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bolney (8), Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4405

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Dec. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (bring own food).—J. Cotton. 4419

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Saturday, Dec. 4th, Christ Church, Erith. Bells 3. Tea 5.15. Social evening. Tea 2s. 3d., snacks later 1s. Names to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4426

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Book these dates now. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Dec. 6th, 7.15 p.m. Saturday meetings: Fulham, Jan. 1st; annual general meeting. Southwark Cathedral, Feb. 5th. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4427

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Horringer (8), Dec. 11th Those requiring tea please notify F. Cooper, Lodge Gates, Horringer, not later than Dec. 8th.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 4375

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Annual, Dec. 11th, Cheltenham St. Mary's. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea free by invitation 5. Please notify me early. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4398

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to A. Cook, 10, High Street, King's Langley (phone 7222), by Wednesday, Dec. 8th. —W. Hughes. 4428

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh on Saturday, Dec. 11th. The usual arrangements. Nominations of district officers must be made at this meeting. Names, please, by Dec. 6th to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 4402

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting, Esher (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Nomination of district officers for 1949.—F. E. Hawthorne. 4408

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Dec. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. C. Briggs, Dis. Sec. 4401

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at Birstall, via Leeds. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head. Apply Mr. S. Britton, 22, Kings Drive, Birstall, by Dec. 4th.—William Ambler, Hon. District Sec. 4421

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Bletchingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers and committee. Names for tea by Monday, Dec. 6th, to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted. 4409

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llandilo, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Advise C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 4429

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Dec. 11th. Cafe close to church.—H. Denman. 4439

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland 4430

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Service, St. Giles' 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles' (8), 4 p.m. Will all those who wish to ring at the following towers please notify me by Dec. 8th: New College (10), 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Magdalen (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Merton (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 8th.—M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 4436

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Mere, Wilts, Dec. 11th. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 4467

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Dec 11th, Consett, Christ Church (8), 2.30. Names for tea by Dec. 7th to Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 4431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Christ Church, Swindon (10), Dec. 11th, 3. For tea advise W. Daniell, 14, Union Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 4432

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Beverley, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4. Tea (3s. 6d.), Beverley Arms, 4.45. Notify G. Braithwaite, 26, Albert Terrace, Beverley, by Wednesday, Dec. 8th. 4435

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Bishop Auckland, Dec. 11th, 2.30. Bring own food. Inform me by Dec. 7th.—J. T. Titt, Darlington. 4434

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nuneaton District. — Meeting at Nuneaton, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Stoneley, 114a, Gadsby Street, Nuneaton, not later than Dec. 7th. 4438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at the Town Hall. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 4440

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Guilsborough, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Tea only for those whose names reach me by Dec. 7th.—E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 4441

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Monthly meeting, Sandiacre, Dec. 11th, 2.30. Requests for tea to P. Parrott, School House, Church Street, Sandiacre, by Dec. 8th. Ilkeston meeting Jan. 15th. 4442

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Meeting, Ditchling, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Nolify by 8th to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Burgess Hill, 3293. 4445

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, Dec. 11th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea, Star and Garter, 5. Names to Rev. Marle, Deane Rectory. 4456

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Wickwar on Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea before Dec. 7th to Miss Drew, Bobstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 4447

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Holywell, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. No tea arrangements. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4448

LADIES' GUILD (West Midlands District). COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (Nuneaton District). — Combined meeting at Nuneaton, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Stonely, 114a, Gadsby Street, Nuneaton, not later than Dec. 7th.—J. M. G. 4449

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Annual branch meeting, St. James', Poole, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15, address by Rev. E. C. Harris. Tea, Old Rectory, 5, followed by business meeting. Election of officers. Bells of Lytchett Minster also available.—C. A. Phillips. 4450

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4468

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Birstall (8), Dec. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Please notify Mr. W. H. Lilly, 5, Went Road, Birstall, by Dec. 7th.—H. Morton, District Sec. 4451

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Grappenhall, Dec. 11th, 3. Please advise for tea by 8th. — John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall. 4452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery. — Annual meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—E. J. Avery. 4453

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Hartfield (6), Dec. 11th. Tea at The Anchor. Notify me by Dec. 9th. Look up Double Bob and London.—C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4454

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 7th. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay Buildings, Bath. 4455

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A special meeting will be held at Thorne on Dec. 11th, 3 p.m., at which two peal boards will be dedicated. All welcome. Names for tea by Dec. 9th to J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne. 4459

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Roxton, Great Barford and Blumham, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Roxton, Great Barford 4.30, Blumham 7 o'clock. Tea at 5, Great Barford.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4460

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ulverston, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston, by Dec. 8th. 4461

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swanbourne, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by Dec. 8th.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4462

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye (8, 21 cwt.), Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. For tea notify Mr. A. Lock, Yaxley, near Diss. Important business.—C. W. Pipe. 4463

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Alsager (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 11th, 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Thomas' (8), St. Helens, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea must be sent before Wednesday, Dec. 8th, to Rev. S. D. Bundey, St. Thomas' Vicarage, Eccleston Villa, Prescot Road, St. Helens. Subscriptions for 1948 must be paid at this meeting or sent to P. W. Cave, Branch Sec. 4466

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 15th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Dec. 13th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 4444

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner and social evening will be held at New Milton Restaurant, Nottingham, on Jan. 22nd, 1949. Tickets 10s. obtained before Jan. 8th, 1949, from W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Ringing arrangements later. 4433

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PITCH OF BELLS

By Brian D. Price.

AN investigation into the matter of pitch standards shows that each of the three leading bell founders appears to have a distinct method. One founder tunes bells to the French pitch A=435; another to the former English concert pitch C=522 (which is practically identical with B.B.C. pitch), while the third firm, in common with the other two, keeps a record of frequency of vibration but makes no attempt to assign a note. This firm states, 'We have no standard of pitch to which we work in tuning our bells. We vary the pitch according to circumstances. As we keep an exact record of the tones of each bell sent out there cannot be any difficulty in adding other bells of the correct pitch if the need ever arises.'

Mr. Yardley points out that there is no absolute standard of pitch. The present-day standard is A=440, as used by the B.B.C. This was agreed at an international conference held in London in May, 1939. After calculating pitches on different standards, it seems to me that it would be better to give the frequency of a tenor (i.e., the number of vibrations per second) rather than its 'pitch.' Here is a comparison of frequencies which enables the pitch of a note to be placed according to two standards:—

Note in Scale	French A=435	B.B.C. A=440
E	670-634	678-641
E flat	633-598	640-605
D	597-565	604-571
C sharp	564-533	570-539
C	532-503	538-509
B	502-475	508-480
B flat	474-448	479-453

Thus if the frequency of a bell is 597-565 inclusive its note according to French pitch is D. In calculating these values I have used the equally tempered scale.

A comparison of the notes of the tenors of St. Woolos' and Ebbw Vale reveals them to be a semitone apart, using a tuning fork. In actual fact, this difference turns out to be just over three-quarters of a semitone. St. Woolos' tenor has a frequency of 602 (as given by the founders who augmented the ring to 12), while Ebbw Vale tenor is 576. In comparison, St. Paul's Cathedral tenor is 468.

Thus, according to French pitch, St. Woolos' tenor is in E flat, while according to B.B.C. pitch it is in D. This suggests that ringers generally adopt the natural system of giving the frequency of a tenor bell as being the only system which is beyond controversy.

Royal Birth Peals

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur H. Edwards...	*Treble*	Reginald C. Thrift ...	5
Albert Bartholomew...	2	Harry Bradley	6
*Peter J. Eves	3	Christopher G. Jaggard	7
Henry W. Shadrack...	4	Arthur H. Everett ...	*Tenor*

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On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Thomas F. King	*Treble*	William G. Brown ...	5
Mrs. Dora Evans ...	2	*John W. Owen	6
Miss Norah G. Williams	3	George J. Hawkins ...	7
William J. Prescott ...	4	William H. Hurford...	*Tenor*

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On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
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Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*Stanley Booth	*Treble*	†Denis Maddock	5
Thomas Mather ...	2	*Harold Worrall ...	6
Norah M. Bibby ...	3	George H. Randles ...	7
*John Bailey	4	‡Walter Foster	*Tenor*

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ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition.

William A. Oldfield ...	*Treble*	Thomas Cullingworth...	5
Albert J. Lancefield ...	2	Hildred S. Wickens...	6
Percy Page	3	Charles W. Everett ...	7
Wilfred W. Ring ...	4	Daniel Godden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles W. Everett.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Alfred J. House	*Treble*	Frederick A. Finch ...	5
*C. Edward Jeffries ...	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
*Thomas E. Davies ...	3	Charles W. Roberts ...	7
Andrew C. Sinfield ...	4	Alick Cutler	*Tenor*

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STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Brook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Enid Lloyd-Roberts ...	*Treble*	Herbert W. Bishop ...	5
W. Bertram Kynaston	2	Wm. A. T. Carter ...	6
Walter H. Trueman ...	3	†Margaret E. Richards	7
Wm. W. T. Daniell ...	4	Joseph Durham	*Tenor*

Conducted by Margaret E. Richards.
* First peal (age 16). † First peal of Stedman. First as conductor.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

Stanley G. Elsey	*Treble*	Edward Barker ...	5
Wallace Cousins	2	Ernest H. Mastin ...	6
Cecil Ebberson	3	William Buckenham ...	7
Arthur Rolfe	4	Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Walter J. Lemon ...	*Treble*	Maurice Hodgson ...	5
Fredk. A. Coley ...	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Mrs. T. J. Lock ...	3	James Bennett	7
Geoffrey V. Murphy...	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by James Bennett.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Miss R. Mary Davies...	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
J. E. Lewis Cockey ...	2	William J. Ellis	6
Arthur T. Parker ...	3	Ernest C. S. Turner...	7
Ernest H. Kilby	4	Fredk. A. Finch ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by E. C. S. Turner.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

Betty Schofield ...	*Treble*	John Woods	5
Elizabeth M. Suart ...	2	James E. Burles	6
James Skeats	3	John Bagnall	7
William Bleasdale ...	4	Herbert Palmer ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by James E. Burles.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cassion,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.

Henry H. Fearn ...	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Arthur V. Pearson ...	2	John Pinfold	6
George E. Large	3	Thomas W. Sheppard ...	7
William C. Dowding ...	4	Arthur Pritchard ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Alfred Ashton	*Treble*	Harry Wilde	5
Paul Birkett	2	Vernon Bottomley ...	6
Allan Wear	3	Sam Longbottom ...	7
Robert Bottomley ...	4	*Donald R. Marshall...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Donald R. Marshall.
* First peal of Bob Major and first peal as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Brook's Variation.

*Jack Clegg	*Treble*	*Ernest J. Gower ...	5
*Charles Blakey	2	Joseph Ridyard	6
John H. Gartside ...	3	Arthur Tomlinson ...	7
Peter Crook, sen. ...	4	Roger Leigh ...* ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Henry G. Keeley ...	*Treble*	Brian Pidgeon	5
*Roger Keeley (13) ...	2	†George H. Whitemore	6
Stafford H. Green ...	3	G. Stedman Morris ...	7
†Mrs. C. W. Powell ...	4	Cuthbert W. Powell...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
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ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. E. F. SALMONS	*Treble*	HAROLD A. NOBES	5
ERNEST A. JURD	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT	6
*ERNEST BROWN	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS	7
*FREDK. G. BARRON	4	FREDK. G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.
* First peal in the method.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC J. GILBERT	*Treble*	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	5
*GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*R. LEES	*Treble*	J. LLOYD	5
C. SKIDMORE	2	T. HEMMING	6
E. A. TURNER	3	P. C. RICHARDS	7
*D. H. WATSON	4	C. T. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. T. RICHARDS.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	CYRIL BRIDGER	5
FRANK WARRINGTON	2	GEORGE S. BUSH	6
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	7
HERBERT GOAKES	4	LAWRENCE HADMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*BRIAN S. COPE	*Treble*	†G. F. LE MARQUAND	5
JOHN KING	2	†JOHN E. SKERRITT	6
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	3	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
CHARLES W. BIRD	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (CCC. 202). Conducted by G. E. WATSON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Major.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	5
RONALD FOWKES	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	6
THOMAS W. WHEAT	3	CHARLES CARR	7
*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	4	†SEFTON L. CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	WALTER SPARROW	5
FRANK BLONDELL	2	W. NORMAN GENNA	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	7
*HERBERT J. ELDRED	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by TONY PRICE.
*** First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'**

WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF EDINBURGH DELIGHT MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

EDWIN LLOYD	*Treble*	T. EDWARD HARROLD	5
ANNIE E. HUMBERSTONE	2	KENNETH A. ROE	6
*RICHARD J. CARTER	3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD	7
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN	4	RICHARD F. ROE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. ROE.
* First peal. First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ALWYN E. SMITH	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	5
ERNEST P. AUSTIN	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	7
EDWARD J. BRAGG	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED T. POULTON	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	5
REGINALD POSTON	2	ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN	6
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
ALLEN E. GWYNNE	4	JOHN J. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*WILFRED W. RING	5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	2	HARRY PARKES	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	4	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First Surprise peal as conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Irregular Five-part.

MISS MARY HOWELL	*Treble*	*TOM MITCHELL	5
GEORGE W. CECIL	2	RAYMOND OVERY	6
*GEORGE APPS	3	JAMES H. LILLEY	7
*JAMES W. JEFFERY	4	EDWIN J. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. CECIL.
* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEO. H. HEBBORN (13)	*Treble*	JOHN B. BENNETT (16)	5
JOHN BRAMLEY (17)	2	GORDON A. OLLIFFE (20)	6
WILLIAM H. CLARKE	3	SIDNEY HARRISON	7
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD (15)	4	*FREDK. H. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON A. OLLIFFE.
* First peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. DELMON	5
ROBERT W. R. PERCY	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
MRS. BETTY PERCY	3	RONALD W. PANKHURST	7
REV. P. J. BOULSOVER	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
*** First peal of Major. Fastest peal of Major on the bells.**

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*MRS. K. F. J. PARR	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
†MISS SHEILA E. HARRIS	2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	ARTHUR HARDING	7
DAVID J. CHARNLEY	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob.

HOLYWOOD, COUNTY DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE	*Treble*	NAT SAVAGE	5
*ROY SMITH (17)	2	A. ERNEST MCGRATH	6
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	3	JAMES EDGAR	7
*HAROLD MCGRATH	4	HARRY BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal. First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MARY SHEARSMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
†NORMA BICKERDIKE	2	‡JOHN AMBLER	6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	*JACK GIBSON	7
MOLLY AMBLER	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PATRICIA BARTON.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 150th peal. First peal as conductor.

EGHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER	*Treble*	*MARTIN W. HARBOTT	5
WALTER A. PECK	2	RONALD J. SHEPHERD	6
WILLIAM E. BUTLER	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
JOHN B. HESSEY	4	JOHN E. GREENOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

JOHN HOWARD	*Treble*	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
DOREEN COKER	2	ALBERT BRIDGES	6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	WILFRED EDWARDS	7
DAVID COX	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*BERNARD S. NICHOLS	*Treble*	ALBERT DISERENS	5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	*RONALD G. BECK	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY	*Treble*	EDWARD BARKER	5
WALLACE COUSINS	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	6
CECIL EBBERSON	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
ERNEST H. MASTIN	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*DAPHNE WAIN	*Treble*	THOMAS SMITH	4
JOAN M. WEBSTER	2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER	3	ALFRED W. CUSICK	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. MOORE	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BROWN	4
*MISS EVELYN WRIGHT	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	FREDK. W. STOKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 of Norfolk, 1,200 each of Plain Bob and Old, 2,400 of Grandsire, 2 callings of Norfolk, 4 each of Plain Bob and Old and 10 of Grandsire, all different. Tenor 10 cwt.

*W. HARRY SHORT	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. WILLIAMSON	4
*ROBERT FERRIS	2	WILLIAM M. ROWE	5
JOHN DUNCAN	3	*BRUCE DUNBAR	*Tenor*
		†WARWICK MUNDY	

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.
* First in four methods † First peal.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

DICK EDMONDS	*Treble*	*SIDNEY ELLIOTT	3
ALAN E. PARTRIDGE	2	EDWARD SMART	4
H. WOODING	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. WOODING.
* First peal 'inside.'

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Norwich Surprise and one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN PAYNE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	4
A. WILLIAM T. GINN	2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal of Minor.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WESTON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE BREWER	*Treble*	*MISS JEAN HUNT	4
GEORGE CROSS, SEN.	2	SEALY S. WOODBURN	5
*MISS SHIRLEY DRAKE	3	HUBERT ELLISS	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN HAWTIN	*Treble*	*JACK BENISTON	4
†GEORGE D. HADFIELD	2	C. WILLIAM HALL	5
†LEONARD CHAMBERS	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

ASH, NEAR CANTERBURY, KENT. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Gambrill 1, A. Gambrill 2, Miss D. Jenner 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie 4, W. Payne 5, W. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, J. Kemp 8.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob: Miss H. Winter 1, R. Larkey 2, Miss A. Abraham 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Abraham 5, P. Wilkinson 6.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 15th, 2,520 Doubles (Canterbury, April Day, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Dick Edmunds 1, R. Elliott 2, M. Elliott 3, A. Partridge 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Nov. 16th, at St. Modwen's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Inwood 1, H. Cornwell 2, T. Pryce 3, Jill Cochrane 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, A. Skelton 6.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Nov. 16th at St. Andrew's Church, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): R. Purchase 1, Miss Ruth Tabraham 2, R. Posnett 3, J. Brooks 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, W. Henley 6.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, T. Pocock 2, J. Pocock 3, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 4, L. B. Coles 5, L. Bates 6.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On Nov. 15th, 2,520 Treble Bob Minor: B. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, G. Crompton 3, W. Broadhead 4, K. H. Wood 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pudney 1, O. Laver 2, B. Webb 3, F. Claydon 4, F. Ridgwell 5, C. Sayward 6, W. Arnold (cond.) 7, R. Lyon 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Rhodes (first quarter) 1, G. F. Garrison 2, F. H. W. Bird 3, A. T. Scrivens 4, J. Graves 5, W. J. Meers (cond.) 6, J. N. Lindon 7, J. Gilson 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Winnie Linn 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, L. Ainger 3, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips 4, Dr. Pat Spencer Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, E. Furnback 7, P. Green 8.

More Royal Baby Quarter Peals

GLASTONBURY, GLOS. — On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, H. J. Trim (81) 2, G. W. Stitch (first quarter) 3, C. G. Scull 4, H. Scull (cond.) 5, J. Dennis 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Cruttenden 1, G. Paine 2, G. Packham (first of Major 'inside') 3, Miss C. Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Packham 6, E. Morey 7, B. White (cond.) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pamela Collis (first quarter) 1, F. J. Dodson 2, J. Gill 3, J. Brent 4, H. Colcombe 5, E. Colcombe 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, D. Silver 8.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J Savage 1, R. Smith 2, A. E. McGrath 3, W. Pratt 4, F. E. Dukes 5, J. T. Dunwoody 6, J. Edgar 7, H. Brown (cond.) 8. First in method by all except conductor.

KEMPSEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Higgins 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, G. H. Derrington 3, F. A. Rea 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, A. I. Blizard 6.

LODERS, DORSET. — On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Glyde 1, M. Poole 2, A. J. Scott 3, C. H. Lathey 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, H. G. Crabb 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — 1,568 Plain Bob Major: E. Strand (first quarter of Major) 1, R. Sherman 2, B. R. Tiller 3, R. E. Tiller 4, F. Harris 5, C. W. Reed 6, R. Marlow 7, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Church on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Jackson 1, A. Jackson 2, F. Taylor (cond.) 3, B. Stirland 4, R. Ward 5, A. White 6, W. Upton 7, G. Mundell 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX. — On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: A. Bareham 1, A. Catterwell (cond.) 2, B. W. Pettit 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Dace 5,, C. J. Barker 6, O. E. Broyd 7, R. H. Young 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6-4-8 covering: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, Group Captain T. V. Lister 3, F Chamberlain 4, W. Barnfield 5, E. Margrett 6, H. S. Ball 7, F. Bullock 8.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pilbeam 1, Miss M. Pilbeam 2, Mrs. E. Bassett 3, C. A. Bassett 4, L. W. Giles (cond.) 5, J. T. Newick 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

WATERMOOR, GLOS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, J. Hope 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, F. J. Lewis, jun. 4, V. R. Williams 5, W. H. Hayward 6, R. R. Wallis 7.

WINSHILL, STAFFS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Iris Fretwell 1, F. Broomfield 2, G. R. Lester (first on 'inside' bell) 3, G. A. R. Brown 4, F. G. Fretwell (cond.) 5, A. E. Smith 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.—1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob Doubles and 540 Grandsire): A. Allen (first quarter) 1, T. W. Thorpe 2, J. E. Taylor 3, J. Upton 4, J. H. Beale (cond.) 5, J. Willis 6.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise): Miss Monica Davis 1, B. Sutton 2, J. Pagett 3, J. Bass 4, H. Cooper (cond.) 5, F. Handley 6.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Russell (first of Doubles) 1, H. Howson (first quarter) 2, W. Theobald (cond.) 3, F. H. Barker 4, E. J. Rowe 5.

WOOL, DORSET. — At the Church of the Holy Rood, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Williams 1, W. Sturmey 2, A. Dorey 3, F. Precey (cond.) 4, H. Runyard 5, H. Stevens 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.—1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss N. Bibby 1, A. Clutton 2, E. Barber 3, J. Cutton 4, P. Cross 5, F. Evans 6, A. Lea (cond.) 7, G. Randles 8, W. Cathrall 9, A. Hodges 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to our friends at Parramatta, Sydney, Australia, on ringing the only peal outside the British Isles for the royal baby.

Peals for the royal birth continue to arrive. St. Paul's, London, rang theirs on Dec. 4th—Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 49 minutes.

The royal baby peal at Egham on November 20th was also a silver wedding congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Greenough. Mr. W. A. Peck has circled this tower.

The 'oldest' to ring a peal for the royal baby was Mr. Josiah Morris, aged 81, who performed at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to a peal of Plain Bob Major. Mr. George Thompson, of Hinckley, was born in the same year. There must be something in the Leicestershire air.

Bristol University Society inform us that for the royal birth they rang at 8.30 a.m. on November 15th and that their peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after 2 hours and 20 mins. by a banging on the door. The verger who popped his head round the door and asked the company to remember to turn out the lights when they finished was far from popular!

The R. T. Hibbert Memorial Fund now totals £87, writes the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. The sum required is £98 15s.

A peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 22 methods has been rung under the conductorship of Mr. J. A. Freeman, of Lincoln. For story of performance see next week's issue.

From Marshfield, Glos., comes a wonderful record of faithful service to the church and tower of over 60 years by Mr. George Robinson, a former captain, and Mr. Jesse H. Beazer, tower secretary. Their membership with the Gloucester and Bristol Association dates from 1911. A peal of Grandsire Triples commemorates their service.

To commemorate Mr. J. George ringing a peal on his 95th birthday, a flowering tree that blooms in November was planted in the grounds of Ferndown Hill, Ferndown, by Mrs. J. Thomas. For story of his peal see next week's issue.

Mr. Eric B. Hartley is in Barham Ward, Wembley Hospital, with a broken leg.

It was Mr. G. A. Pickering and not Mr. G. H. Pickering who rang in the commemoration peal at Bishopswearmouth.

Fabian Stedman's tower, St. Benet's, Cambridge, is in danger. An appeal has been issued for £500.

Mr. Albert J. Lancefield left England last week for New Zealand. We wish him every happiness.

Congratulations to 15-year-old John E. Manners on calling his first peal at Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

The peal at Chester-le-Street, recorded in our last issue, was the 25th together by Messrs. J. A. Brown and D. A. Bayles.

Mr. John T. Dunwoody called the bobs in the handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor at Belfast on October 27th and not Mr. F. E. Dukes.

The peal at Twerton on November 16th was rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. T. F. King's first peal. He rang the same bell to the same method, treble to Plain Bob Major.

Another ringer to reach the half-century mark is Mr. Charles W. Everett, who since 1912 has been captain of the Ashford, Kent, ringers. The peal on November 18th marked his 50 years' service in the tower of Ashford Parish Church.

Ringing in the wedding peal at Claybrooke, Margaret Beamish, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Beamish, put up a fine performance by ringing her first peal of Bristol. Apart from two plain courses, this was her first 'touch' in the method.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Weight and Speed

Dear Sir,—The question of speed of ringing in relation to weight of bells has always been a matter for lively discussion among ringers, usually resolving itself into a question of whether slow or quick time is the best thing. It is fundamentally wrong to condemn a performance merely from reading the recorded time, as many factors have a bearing on the same, each individual ring of bells requiring different treatment in achieving the desired result, i.e., a peal of good striking, rhythm and quality.

In making comparisons, it is a fallacy to reason on the lines of weight of bell in relation to weight of performer, for such is the nature of the work that a couple of stones of human flesh and bone make little difference in what, after all, is a matter of skill in the co-ordination of muscular effort.

Should the bell be rung right up or frame high? Supposing a bell to be merely tolled there would seem to be no difference in the effort required, as the distance of travel of a bell from bottom dead centre is proportionate to the distance of its travel downwards from the beginning of its stroke. Therefore, only the same amount of energy is required to be applied to the rope to overcome the loss occasioned by friction and gravity in order to place the bell at the required height, whether it be right up or frame high.

In actual ringing, however, this practical theory goes astray. To ring a bell in a touch or peal right up to the balance necessitates giving it enough to just tip over the balance, this tendency to tip being counteracted by easing it via the rope near the point of balance; therefore, this style of ringing calls for two applications of force at each stroke.

Of course, theoretically, I know a bell should be rung to the point of balance each time, but in ringing this is not possible. On the other hand, in ringing a bell not to the point of balance this extra work is not necessary, and that is why, in my opinion, it is easier to ring a heavy bell 'frame high' than to ring it right up.

Although among my small number of peals I have only performed on the tenor on two or three occasions, I have rung many tenors to touches, and in the peals in which I have taken part I have invariably been round the back end; therefore, from experience I am in favour of quick ringing generally, i.e., as quick as the bells will go in conformity with good rhythm and striking. And in the matter of striking it is surely obvious that quick ringing requires better striking than slow, as what in quick ringing would be a 'near clip' is hardly noticeable in slow ringing where the intervals are longer.

Finally, it seems strange that the practice of 'ringing to the tenor' should have been publicised as a sort of experiment, as I have always thought it was the accepted thing, being the only correct way to ring bells. Certainly it was so instilled into me by my instructor, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., himself no mean exponent in the art of ringing heavy bells; indeed, in my opinion, a performer, in his time, the equal of the greatest, and certainly the superior of many past and present.
—Yours truly, C. BRETT-SMITH.

Belvedere, Kent.

CRACKED BELLS

Dear Sir,—In a recent leading article you state that 'cracked bells are rarely due to any cause but carelessness.' I hardly think this is a correct statement.

In probably 90 per cent. of the bells that have in recent years found their way into the melting-pot because they are cracked, the cause can be traced to a 'cast-in' crown staple which has expanded by corrosion and so split the bell across the crown.—Yours truly,

Thornton Heath. F. E. COLLINS.

Changing Societies

Dear Sir, — After reading your interesting account of the 311th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, I did not feel happy about the Master of the Cumberlands' observation that he had 'a very poor opinion of anyone who changed from one society to another.' There may be ringers who, because of some dispute, or to get better opportunities of peal ringing or some other like motive, do leave the Cumberlands to join the College Youths or vice versa.

Years ago, while living and ringing at Caversham and when all the tower members belonged to the Ancient Society, I had strong leanings towards the College Youths, although I did not join because, I suppose, no one asked me. Some time later I was invited to ring in a peal at a country tower which was to be a Cumberland peal, of which Society all were members except myself. I was asked to join and, to oblige, consented, and was made a member there and then.

Coming to London in 1942, my local tower where I rang on Sunday was a College Youths tower. I was frequently in the company and ringing with members of that Society, and my old regard for the Society returned. But I was a Cumberland.

After some time, and when the rival claims in my mind became intolerable, I resigned from the latter Society and, after a lapse, sought membership of the College Youths and was eventually elected.

I still retain pleasant memories of the ringing friends I met while a member of the Society of Cumberland Youths, and should feel very hurt if I thought that my numerous friends in London and elsewhere had a very poor opinion of me because I had taken what I felt to be an honourable course. — Yours faithfully, W. J. PAICE.

Sandhurst, Berks.

WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE?

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letters re speed of ringing. To me it is purely a matter of brawn versus brain. A question missing from all your letters is 'What does it sound like?'

Bells as hung and rung in this country are rung for a purpose—for the greater glory of God; for the service of the people to whom they belong; for the pleasure of the people who ring them. They convey a message, of joy, of sorrow. A light ring is easily made to express either of these — rung quickly, sped along, is joyous, hopeful; rung slowly the opposite is the case. A heavy ring, always more majestic, is more difficult of expression, but a difference in the speed of ringing still helps to convey a different meaning.

It is to this end I think we should turn our thoughts. The people who own bells, especially light bells, should never be subjected to 5,000 changes of 'Plain Bob Dirge' spread over four hours for any purpose whatever.—Yours faithfully, A. R. ELKINS.

Woodlands Park, Altrincham.

MUSIC AND SPEED

Dear Sir,—As bells are musical instruments, the first consideration in deciding the speed of ringing should be that of producing the most musical effect. It is obvious that in the case of heavy bells with a good, resonant tone such effect will best be produced by fairly slow ringing. I should think that most of us would agree that in the B.B.C. interval signal Bow Bells are heard at an ideal pace for ten-bell music.

It would be interesting if some reader mathematically inclined would take accurate note of the time occupied by a group of changes on this record and then calculate the time required for 5,000 at the same speed.

F. Ll. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

Surprise Major Methods

Dear Sir,—May I, through the hospitality of your columns, congratulate the ringers of Ospringe Surprise Major on their performance? I have also to apologise to them for unwittingly making their task harder by the inclusion of an unpealable method among my 160 Unnamed Methods published a year ago. They had selected John Carter's No. 16 (my number—his was No. 20) for practice, and it was not until they were ready to ring a peal in it that we found a peal composition to be impossible. I wish to record my appreciation of the tolerant spirit shown by the band towards this oversight of mine—a spirit that is unfortunately not as universal among ringers as it ought to be.

I take this opportunity of adding some details to the correspondence on Stanton Surprise Major. While we must appreciate and sympathise with the reasons given by Mr. Poole for crediting this method to Mr. John Reeves, it is unfortunately impossible to let the attribution stand. The method is a variation of Bristol, and had already been obtained by Mr. C. J. Sedgley and Mr. Nolan Golden at least. It was in practice at Southampton under that name and in Norfolk under the name of Diss, where a peal attempt was made. It is as Diss that it appeared in the first edition of my 370 Surprise Major Methods, and, of course, it appears as Stanton in the revised edition which is announced this week.

I realise that under present conditions the fact of a method having been previously rung is very difficult to establish, but I hope to remedy this difficulty in the New Year. I have in type a complete list of first peals in all Surprise methods on 8, 10 and 12 bells, which I propose to close at the end of the year and publish soon afterwards. Announcements of this and the forthcoming collection of Royal and Maximus Surprise methods will be made in these columns as usual.

Meantime, I should like to point out that no composer has done his duty to the Exercise unless he appends to any published method its false course-heads.—Yours faithfully,

Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

HALE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Among the manuscripts of the late Mr. A. G. Driver is a book containing 1,500 Surprise Major methods having hand-and-back places only. I believe this is the extent of such methods (excluding any, like Cambridge, having four places made between two consecutive rows)—at all events, I have never yet seen a method of this type which does not appear in the book, and Hale Surprise is no exception.

Mr. Driver would never have claimed any of these methods as his own, and, indeed, Mr. W. Wightman may well have obtained Hale Surprise before Mr. Driver compiled his collection; but I would suggest that the time has now come when methods of this nature should not be attributed to any particular composer, as it can safely be assumed that they have been worked out by Mr. Driver some time before 1942, the year of his death, if not by several other people as well.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

ARKLOW PEAL

Dear Sir,—I hope the Central Council will take notice of the 'music' of the recent Arklow peal on 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 of an eight, especially after condemning the Basingstoke peal on nine on the grounds of the music of nine bells.—Yours, G. D.

Cambridge.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD. NOTTS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Davenport 1, Jean Bone 2, C. Bleby 3, Mary Heathcote 4, E. Wilson 5, C. Heathcote 6, B. Sollis 7, C. Evans (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 7. First on eight 3, 5, 6 and 8.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN ARMSTRONG.

For the second time this year the Christ Church, Southgate, band have lost one of their old and valued members. John Armstrong was 67 years of age and died suddenly on November 19th. The funeral service at Christ Church, Southgate, was attended by many of his ringing friends both past and present.

John Armstrong was a safe ringer on all numbers of bells and had taken part in several notable performances, including the John peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Giles', Cripplegate, in 1912. His first peal was of Bob Major at Southgate in 1899, and his last one was Cambridge Surprise Major, also at Southgate, in 1939, which was his 250th peal and also his 100th Surprise peal. Of this total he had conducted 49.

In the evening the usual whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. J. Bowden 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. G. Nash 3, S. G. Peck 4, R. W. Green 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, H. Miller 7, N. G. Hollingsworth 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10.

MR. THOMAS LANGDON.

We deeply regret to report the death of a well-known London ringer, Thomas Langdon, who passed away at his home in Walworth on November 8th, in his 75th year. Until 1945 he had enjoyed very good health, but in that year, whilst carrying out his duties as steeplekeeper at St. Michael's, Cornhill, he met with a serious accident. As he was passing the 8th bell (which was 'up') it swung round and trapped his leg between bell and frame. It was 1½ hours before his shouts for help were heard and he could be released. Sustaining a broken ankle, he was removed to 'Barts' Hospital and made a quick recovery, commencing ringing again in the early part of 1946. His heart, however, had been affected and in the following summer he collapsed from this trouble and was unable to ring again.

He was buried at Nunhead Cemetery in the presence of his large family and many of his ringing associates of the College Youths. A course of Stedman Triples was rung over the grave by H. Langdon 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, J. F. Smallwood 5-6, A. B. Peck 7-8.

Tom Langdon had a very remarkable ringing career. He joined the Ancient Society of College Youths 60 years ago and rang his first peal with the Society at the age of 14. He became very proficient at conducting and called Holt's Original a great many times, being considered as almost equal in that respect to the late Challis F. Winney. Tom was the first man in London to conduct Carter's Odd Bob One-part peal of Stedman Triples, and the similar peal by E. Bankes James. He took part in the length of 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark in 1923, and also rang the 10th in the first and only peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral. He was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild and also of the Westminster Abbey band. Although a lightweight in physique, he was exceptionally tough and preferred to ring at the heavy end. On one occasion he nearly succeeded in ringing St. Paul's tenor to a peal single-handed, being assisted only after the greater part of the peal had been rung.

He was of a modest and retiring disposition, but was held in very high esteem by all who were privileged to ring with him. He will be sadly missed. The customary tribute of whole pull and stand was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral. J. F. S.

MR. EDWIN JAMES TURL.

Older members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will regret to learn of the passing of Mr. Edwin James Turl, of 41, Holders Hill Avenue, Hendon. Mr. Turl was a retired ticket collector with the L.M.S. Railway and he died on November 15th, aged 69.

MR. T. BARTRAM.

One of the oldest members of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association, Mr. T. Bartram, of The Pear Tree, Roxton, died on November 19th, aged 77. For more than 30 years he had been a keen member, attending meetings regularly and often during the week helping learners on practice nights. His delight was in good striking. Mr. Bartram had rung a number of peals, but kept no record.

The funeral was at Roxton Parish Church on November 22nd. The bells were rung half-muffled after the service, the ringers being C. H. Harding, C. J. Ball, Miss Joan Ashton, L. A. Mardlin and W. Holden. A wreath was sent from the Biggleswade District.

MR. J. D. WRIGHT.

Thurlaston, Leicestershire, has lost its oldest ringer in the person of Mr. John David Wright, who died on Nov. 24th, aged 83 years. He was laid to rest on Friday, Nov. 26th, in the shadow of the church and bells he loved.

The same evening a half-muffled quarter-peal (1,320 Plain Bob Minor) was rung in memoriam by his fellow ringers: S. Carragreen 1, G. Pickering 2, P. Hallam 3, A. Hallam 4, G. Wright 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

ACCIDENT TO MINSTER'S STEEPLE-KEEPER.

At the monthly meeting of the Society at Market Weighton on November 13th, Mr. G. F. Williams presiding, the members heard with regret a report from the secretary (Mr. A. E. Sellers) of an accident to Mr. F. Osgerby, captain and steeplekeeper of Beverley Minster.

Mr. Osgerby had gone among the bells, which are in two tiers, to repair and replace a broken bell rope. In climbing out he had the misfortune to fall among the girders. With difficulty he succeeded in extricating himself and obtained medical advice, fractured ribs being suspected. He was confined to bed.

Members showed their practical sympathy by a generous response to a 'whip round' suggested by Sergt. T. Huddleston. This is to be expended in the provision of comforts.

Meetings arranged were: Beverley St. Mary, Dec. 11th, and Cottingham, Jan. 8th. An invitation to visit Norton, near Malton, was also received. Mr. Rowland Johnson (Driffield) was elected a member.

Acknowledging the vote of thanks for the use of bells, his warm welcome and helpful address, the Vicar (the Rev. Massingberd Mundy) said it was hoped in the near future to apply for a faculty to replace the present bells with a ring of eight. Three parts of the money required had already been raised. Among the functions was the action of Hull City F.C. in sending a team to Market Weighton to play the local team, the proceeds being given to the bell fund.

The Rev. G. Storer reported that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank would start putting in the new ring at Hutton Cranswick in January, 1949, an announcement which was received with enthusiasm.

A feature of the ringing was a very good 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, the first spliced ringing for the Society, which was conducted by the Ringing Master, Mr. L. Rodmell.

MR. W. LINTER'S 91st

On November 27th, six members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild met to ring for Mr. W. Linter's 91st birthday at Swanmore, Hants. The following took part in 720 Plain Bob Minor: William Linter, sen. (91), G. Williams (91), H. Merritt (77), A. Millard (78), G. Chappell (83) and H. Ainsley (60).

Tea followed at the Parish Hall, where the Vicar and members of the Linter family joined the ringers to celebrate the occasion.

Newyddion O Cymru

Dear Sir,—I should like to take advantage of your increased paper allocation to tell you of some humble missionary work in Glamorgan, less spectacular than peal ringing, perhaps, but involving no less toil and sweat, though fortunately no blood or tears to date.

Porthkerry is a four-bell tower about a mile from the village of Rhoose, looking out over a lovely vista of woods to the sea near Barry. Up to a year ago the bells were rung in call-changes, and that only occasionally. The first step was to teach plain hunting on three bells and then on four, followed by Plain Bob Minimus. Two new men were taught, and by March, 1948, some of us were ringing Reverse Bob Minimus. A fortnight later we managed Double B.M., and achieved great satisfaction from ringing the 24 Forward, 24 Reverse and 24 Double without a stop to collect our wits. After this we started on Forward, using each bell in turn as the treble, and when this had been mastered we did the same with Reverse and Double. We thus have 12 variations from which to choose.

Our latest achievement has been to persuade our oldest member to try his hand at trebling to Bob Minimus, which he did after two practices—no mean feat for 72 years of age. We have visited five six-bell towers at various times and have broken ground on Grandsire. In between times we have knocked out the wedges between our frame and the tower walls and have taken up many years of slack on all nuts.

Now for good news. Through the generosity of Mr. H. G. Lewis, who has always taken a great interest in the church, we are to have two new trebles and the existing four are to be rehung, although this will not be for another year. Our eight ringers are all joining the Llandaff and Monmouth Guild and it is our intention to form a ringers' fund to assist in the purchase of ropes and belfry fittings.

The ringers have given me credit for much patience during this instruction period, but I have been richly rewarded by their keenness and loyalty. Here are their names: Frederick Way, Harold Dimond, Harry Green, Douglas Dimond, Sidney Jones, Roland Curtis, Malgwyn Williams, and—Yours sincerely,

Rhoose, Glam. L. J. MALINGS.

[NOTE.—The heading means News from Wales.—EDITOR.]

FIRST TWELVE BELL PEAL IN WALES

History for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and for change ringing in Wales was made on November 13th by the ringing of the first peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon. The bells, formerly ten and one of Messrs. Taylor's finest examples, were augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in October, 1939, and the performance was the first attempt for a peal on the twelve.

Previously many doubts had been expressed as to the quality of the splice, but when the bells were heard to full advantage the doubts which existed in the minds of several of the band soon vanished, and the general opinion at the end of a good peal was that they are a fine ring, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on their craftsmanship.

The band were unanimous in their praise of the manner in which veteran Tower Warden Charles Greedy rang throughout. Considering that he gets no twelve-bell practice, Mr. Greedy, now in his 72nd year, put up a remarkable performance. In addition to Mr. Greedy, there was a further local air about the peal, as Messrs. Worrall and Clift are both Men of Gwent, and the conductor felt extremely honoured that he should have been given the opportunity of returning to his native heath to call the first twelve-bell peal.

After the peal the band were entertained to supper by the warden, Mr. G. Gibbs. In welcoming the band to Newport, he apologised for the absence of the Dean, who had hoped to be present, but was only just recovering from a serious illness. Mr. Clift suitably replied.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 6 six-scores of April Day and 24 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER K. ALDRIDGE ...*Treble*	†FRANK C. ARNOLD ... 4
*BASIL H. HYATT 2	*T. CHARLES BROWN ... 5
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO 3	*ERNEST G. ARNOLD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal by local resident band for 42 years.

HUYTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HUYTON,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... ...*Treble*	THOS. W. HESKETH ... 4
*THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 2	WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 5
THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 3	*EDWIN BIRKETT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.
* First in seven methods.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Double Oxford, 1,440 St. Clement's, 1,440 Single Oxford and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD COX ... ...*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL 4
JOHN R. NICHOLS 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 5
JOHN H. BLUFF 3	JAMES BLUFF ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
The conductor's 50th peal.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;
Eight different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD L. WALLIS ...*Treble*	ERNEST A. WARNER ... 4
†HAROLD A. MAY 2	*J. ALAN WALKER 5
‡JOHN A. ETHERINGTON 3	†GEORGE L. GROVER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. ‡ First peal on six. Longest length for all: First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE F. C. BAINHAM...*Treble*	DONALD G. CLARKE ... 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS 5
MRS. L. BAINHAM 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE WM. STEEL ...*Treble*	THOS. WM. STRANGEWAY 4
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	PERCY MASSAM 5
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH... 3	HARRY HOMER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Double Bob, two of St. Clement's and one each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

FREDK. W. MIDDLETON...*Treble*	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 4
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 2	GEORGE SAYER 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	HENRY TOOKE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ASH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MRS. JEAN DENYER ...*Treble*	EDGAR SHERWOOD ... 4
ERIC PEPLER 2	FRANK ELLIS 5
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 3	CHARLES W. DENYER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.
* First peal.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 of Oxford (No. 152, C.C.C.) and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD SANDERSON ...*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN 4
RONALD DENMAN 2	FRANK LAMB 5
MISS ROSA LAMB... ... 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.
* First peal of Minor.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
Twenty-fifth peal together by all three. First peal of Kent Minor in Ireland, for the Association and by all the band.

OTHER PEALS

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

STANLEY E. COOK ...*Treble*	ROBERT E. TURNER ... 5
GILBERT H. HARDING... 2	*FRANK A. PENN 6
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 7
*JOHN W. MEADE 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... *Tenor*

Composed by J. JAGGER (C.C.C. 157). Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

A. PRINCE ... ...*Treble*	J. CARMAN 5
F. SAMPSON 2	H. MARSH 6
G. E. WEEKS 3	E. C. LEWIS 7
T. R. DAVISON 4	V. R. SWIFT ... ... *Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by A. PRINCE.
To commemorate the 60th year's association with the tower by Mr. George Robinson and Mr. Jesse H. Beazer.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Oxford and three of Kent.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*MICHAEL BOARD ... ...*Treble*	SIDNEY SKINNER 4
JOHN L. GLANVILL ... 2	JOHN QUICK 5
JOHN CARTER 3	BRIAN PIDGEON ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN PIDGEON.
* First peal.

HALSALL, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 10, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT CRITCHLEY ...*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4
MISS VERA DRAPER ... 2	JACK POUNDS 5
*ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 3	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* Fiftieth peal together.

Society of College Youths

MR. J. A. WAUGH THE NEW MASTER.

The Ancient Society held its annual meeting on November 27th at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, when the Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil, presided over an unusually large attendance. The treasurer presented a balance sheet which showed a satisfactory state of affairs, and it was with much satisfaction that the secretary announced that the seven new members elected that day made the grand total during the Master's two years of office a record total of 100.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, a past Master, then took the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh; secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; trustees, Mr. H. R. Newton and Mr. H. G. Miles; stewards, Mr. T. G. Fox and Mr. J. F. Smallwood. The auditors, Messrs. W. H. Pasmore and J. E. Chilcott, were elected at the previous meeting.

Mr. E. A. Young wished the new Master every success during his term of office, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master. Ringing afterwards took place at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Seventy members and friends, including visitors from Maidstone and Tonbridge, attended the annual meeting of the Lewisham District at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.

Ringing during the afternoon preceded a service in the church, the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. W. Hassard-Short, M.A., officiating and giving a very interesting address.

Tea and the business meeting were held in St. Luke's Hall, the Vicar presiding. Proceedings opened with a sincere tribute to the memory of the late Mr. J. E. Bailey, of Dartford, one of the district's representatives on the General Committee.

The elections of three non-resident life members were ratified. St. John's, Deptford, was chosen as place for next meeting, to be held on January 29th.

The district secretary's report on the year's work was adopted. Mr. A. G. Hill and Mr. P. A. Corby were re-elected hon. secretary and district representative. Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) was appointed to succeed the late Mr. Bailey as district representative, and Mr. F. S. Coley (Crayford) is the new ringing master, a vote of thanks being accorded his predecessor, Mr. W. J. Rawlings.

A warm welcome was extended to Mr. G. H. Spice (general secretary) and Mr. T. Groombridge, and votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and local ringers.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

BRANCH VISITS TO TORQUAY AND TEIGNMOUTH.

In accordance with arrangements made at a recent meeting, a number of members of the Mid-Devon Branch visited St. Saviour's Church, Torre, Torquay, on Sunday evening, November 14th, and rang for the evening service. The party included Messrs. J. E. Lilley, A. L. Bennett, H. G. Lewis, B. H. Cooper, F. Turner, F. Morris and A. H. Birley, and a welcome visitor was Miss Symons, of Gulval, Penzance, who was staying in the area. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung, and the parishioners expressed their delight at hearing the bells.

On Monday evening most of the party visited St. James', Teignmouth, by invitation, and appreciation was expressed to the local ringers for the refreshments provided at the conclusion of the visit. This visit was in connection with the birth of a son to Princess Elizabeth.

PORTSMOUTH. — On Nov. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, Mrs. E. F. Salmons 2, Miss H. Dale 3, F. W. Burnett 4, T. R. Taylor 5, E. F. Salmons 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. First quarter in method by all.

Dedications

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A new ring of eight, with tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp, has been provided at Great Hampton, Worcestershire, as the parish's war memorial.

The sixth bell is of special interest to ringers all over the country. Its inscription reads: 'I am dedicated to the memory of Alderman James Hemming, Justice of the Peace, who was Mayor of Evesham, 1942. He was a native of the parish, a ringer at this church and did valuable work in the art of Change Ringing. He was beloved by a large circle of friends and respected by all. R.I.P.'

The dedication was performed by the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies), who is president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and the service was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Evesham.

In his address, the Dean told the congregation that they had chosen their war memorial well because the bells would be a permanent reminder of that which they commemorated. 'You have chosen well, too, because you have chosen something that is characteristically English,' he said, 'for only in England, or where English influence prevails, are bells rung as we hear them—with continuous changes.'

The ringers taking part in the opening touches were G. J. Hemming, G. Hemming, S. Davis, H. Jordan, C. Edwin, P. Mills, J. Richings and W. Newman.

The bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., were represented by Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. J. Fidler, and the musical quality of the bells was favourably commented upon.

CROMHALL, GLOS.

Saturday, November 13th, was a red-letter day for the parish of Cromhall, Glos., when a ring of six bells was dedicated in the ancient village church by the Bishop of Gloucester.

Formerly Cromhall had two bells. The old heavy bell of 19 cwt. has been recast into two tenors, three other bells added and the pre-Reformation bell retained to complete the six. The work of recasting and installing was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., at a total cost of £1,150. All but £49 of this has been subscribed by residents and friends of the village, including a contribution of £150 from the Freemasons of Downend.

At the service the bells were rung by Messrs. H. V. Robinson, F. Roberts, F. Handoll, L. Townsend, C. Watts (Wickwar) and Miss D. M. Drew (Cromhall).

The large congregation included 100 diocesan ringers and representatives of Oriel College, Oxford, the donors of a bell. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were represented by Mr. T. Howard and Mr. D. Bradford.

After the service the following young Cromhall ringers, trained by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, rang: Marion O. Clark, D. J. Pick, Dorothy N. Cotnock, Betty M. Brown, R. G. Blake and D. R. Holpen. There was general agreement among visiting ringers after tea of the excellent work of the bell founders.

Appended are the inscriptions on the bells:—

No. 1 (E).—St. Andrew. In memory of the late Mrs. A. F. M. Harris, of Wells, Somerset. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

No. 2 (D).—Oriel. In memory of the late Miss M. E. Kimber, of Cromhall and Oxford. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

No. 3 (C).—St. Thomas. The gift of the Freemasons of Downend. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

No. 4 (B).—St. Michael. A Pre-Reformation bell. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

No. 5 (A).—St. George. 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

No. 6 (G).—Bearing its previous inscription and date, 1742. 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Correspondents have pointed out that the peal of Plain Bob Major by Mr. Arthur J. Lewry is a not so satisfactory variation of a 5,056 by the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, which was published in the Midland Counties Report for 1914 and first rung at St. Helen's, Darley Dale.

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MEETING AT ROKER.

On November 13th, a representative company of ringers assembled at St. Andrew's, Roker, for the first meeting since the installation of this new ring of ten bells.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. F. Parsons), who in his address stressed the importance of ringers attending the services for which they rang.

After a good tea, which was arranged by the local ringers, Mr. W. N. Park (president) opened the short meeting, and in his remarks said that St. Andrew's was lucky to have a vicar who liked bells in a practical way, and he asked the ringers there to support the Vicar at all times.

Mr. K. Arthur thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells. The Rev. Parsons, in his reply, said that although the bells at St. Andrew's were new, bellringing to him was not new, as before coming to Roker he was Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, where there are many keen ringers. Miss Stobbs thanked the helpers at the tea for their services.

Amongst the visitors present were Mr. Abrahams, and Miss Killinley, who hails from Richmond, Yorkshire.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. R. L. Patterson, past president, who is at the moment confined to bed. The secretary was asked to write to him expressing good wishes and hopes for an early recovery from his indisposition.

Several members of the St. Andrew's Guild were elected members of the Association.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifty-eight members, representing 21 towers, attended the meeting of the Crewe Branch at Nantwich Parish Church on November 20th. The Rector (Canon Tyler Whittle) conducted the service and an excellent tea was served by ringers' wives.

Touches ranged from Bob Doubles to Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise Major.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, December 12th, 1898, at St. Andrew's Church, Taunton, Somerset. Present address: 86, Scribers Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham. 4476

DEATH

WRIGHT. — On Nov. 24th, 1948, at Thurlaston, Leics., John David Wright, aged 83 years. 4365

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.—A page will be reserved in our issue of Dec. 24th for this popular form of salutation from ringers to their friends. Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1949. —Owing to the great demand, extra copies are being printed for all who have not yet ordered. See advertisement on page 542.—Will Viggers, Maurice Hodgson. 4457

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—Practice, Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Stedman, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples, also Duffield, K.T.B. Major, etc. All welcome. Frequent bus service, Haywards Heath Station five minutes. 3466

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—Consecration of church and institution of Rev. A. S. Roberts as first Vicar, Saturday, Dec. 18th., at 3 p.m. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Prayers and peals by distant friends appreciated. 4479

MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Holywell, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. No tea arrangements. — S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4448

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at Birstall, via Leeds. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head. —William Ambler, Hon. District Sec. 4421

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Wonersh on Saturday, Dec. 11th. The usual arrangements. Nominations of district officers must be made at this meeting. Names, please, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 4402

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Horringer (8), Dec. 11th Those requiring tea please notify F. Cooper, Lodge Gates, Horringer. — A. Gillings, Dis. Sec. 4375

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Service, St. Giles' 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles' (8), 4 p.m. Will all those who wish to ring at the following towers please notify me by Dec. 8th: New College (10), 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Magdalen (10), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Merton (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea to M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 4436

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Meeting, Ditchling, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 4445

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Annual branch meeting, St. James', Poole, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15, address by Rev. E. C. Harris. Tea, Old Rectory, 5, followed by business meeting. Election of officers. Bells of Lytchett Minster also available.—C. A. Phillips. 4450

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Hartfield (6), Dec. 11th. Tea at The Anchor. Notify me, please. Look up Double Bob and London. —C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4454

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye (8, 21 cwt.), Dec. 11th. Bells 2.30. For tea notify Mr. A. Lock, Yaxley, near Diss. Important business. Special bus leaves Electric House, Ipswich, 2.15.—C. W. Pipe. 4463

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Devonshire Road, Chiswick, Dec. 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6.15. Further ringing afterwards.—A. F. Udall, Sec., School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea. 4370

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak Branch.—Annual meeting, Youlgrave (8), Dec. 11th. Cups of tea only. Business to fix officers for 1949.—H. E. Taylor, District Sec. 4373

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Owing to state of bells, the meeting advertised for Esher on Dec. 11th will be held at Thames Ditton. Tea will be provided, otherwise usual arrangements.—F. Hawthorne. 4474

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Sharnford, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at cafe 5 p.m.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4485

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 11th, St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 in tower. Cups of tea provided.—V. Wilson Sykes. 4366

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 15th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting, Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. 'Special'—Bristol Surprise. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4372

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Quarterly meeting, Angmering (6), Dec. 18th, 3. Names for tea (by 15th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4369

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Dec. 13th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley. 4444

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Burnham, Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 4475

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice ringing, Ipswich (8 and 12), Dec. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tea 5 p.m., Tudor Cafe. St. Margaret's draw result. No business. Please notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4464

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Norton (8), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth, Herts. by Dec. 15th.—A. E. Symonds, District Sec. 4480

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bromborough (8), Dec. 18th. Tea free for those notifying by 14th A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4477

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent, Dec. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food. —W. A. Parsons, District Sec. 4478

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells at 3. Tea at 5. Bring own food. Nominations wanted for Association and Branch officers. All welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4486

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting, Royston (near Barnsley), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own sandwiches. Good bus service from Barnsley. —J. J. L. Gilbert and D. Smith. 4483

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, St. George's, Jesmond (8), Saturday, Dec. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 13th certain.—W. E. Robinson, 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle 6. 4484

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Clenchwarton (5), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4482

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 18th, North Wingfield (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food.—J. W. Price. 4487

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Junior Section. Advance notice. Annual social at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 1949. All ringers welcome. Details later.—P. A. M. 4368

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS. — On Nov. 11th, quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal: G. E. Kettle 1, A. D. Steele 2, F. Wilshaw 3, R. Rowley 4, G. A. Moore 5, C. H. Page 6, W. Dean 7, G. Biddulph 8, N. Holland 9, A. W. Hall (cond.) 10.

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SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

AMONGST the many interesting developments of the present century, Spliced Surprise Major ringing must take a foremost place. London Surprise Major used to be the goal of every ringer, but now the most prominent bands do not consider themselves accomplished until they have achieved a peal of Spliced Surprise. The conductor of such a peal has a full-time task: mastery of the composition itself is an intricate mental exercise. His band must be on the alert at every lead-end, awaiting his instructions, be it a change of method, a call, or, as most frequently happens, both. The greatest factor contributing to success is good method ringing between the leads. There is no room for slackness, and thus a first-class team spirit is essential.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung was in two methods—Cambridge and Superlative—in 1924 at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, for the Durham and Newcastle Association, the composition of J. W. Parker, conducted by Joseph A. Gofton. The Rev. H. Law James and Messrs. A. J. Pitman and E. C. S. Turner have, amongst others, turned their attention to this branch of composition, and bands have been found ready to tackle what they have produced. The first peal in four methods was rung in 1927, conducted by A. H. Pulling, and in the years immediately following William Pye and his band rang up to twelve methods in a peal. Not many peals are accomplished in more than four methods, although before the war Mr. S. T. Holt, in Worcestershire, rang up to eight, and Mr. E. C. S. Turner to nine. The Lincoln band rang up to ten, accomplishing this in 1939, when the war put an end to their efforts. Before the war, Mr. H. G. Cashmore and his famous handbell band rang up to six methods—one of the most brilliant performances of all time.

Since the war, two bands have striven to reach the record in Spliced Surprise Major ringing on tower bells—those of Mr. W. F. Judge and Mr. A. J. Freeman. With a peal in sixteen methods in 1947, rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, William Pye's achievement was eclipsed for the first time. The Oxford band have rung a twelve-method peal twice recently. Now comes Mr. J. A. Freeman with a peal in twenty-two methods, which is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal. The whole Ringing Exercise will wish to unite in congratulating him and his band on this latest achievement by their Guild.

K. C.

TEN BELL PEALS

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Oswy Street	*Treble*	†Tom Anderson	6
*Charles Cook	2	Arthur Towler	7
†Harold Denman	3	†Kenneth Beardsall	8
Frank Kaye	4	William Norton	9
Walter Coates	5	John Segar, jun.	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Segar, jun.
* First peal. † First peal on ten. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Mrs. F. A. Penn	*Treble*	Frederick A. Targett	6
Joseph T. Dyke	2	*Edward J. Chivers	7
Henry J. Sanger	3	Charles F. Andrews	8
Percival H. Harding	4	Gilbert H. Harding	9
Frank A. Penn	5	Ronald G. Beck	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Fardon. Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
* First peal on ten 'inside.' In memoriam Stephen H. Wood, killed on duty with the A.F.S. eight years ago.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

Mrs. R. Richardson	*Treble*	*Cyril Wander	6
*Charles C. Rawding	2	*Maurice Bennett	7
*Frank Taylor	3	John G. Ames	8
Sydney Jessop	4	Harold Barsley	9
†Frank Dewey	5	*Stanley E. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by John G. Ames.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Jack Clegg	*Treble*	Thomas Hesketh	6
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Thomas Horridge	7
Thomas Hammond	3	Joseph Ridyard	8
Arthur Mawdsley	4	Edwin Birkett	9
William Deacon	5	*Laurence Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* 25th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Charles H. Moore	*Treble*	Ernest G. Shorting	5
F. Charles Goodman	2	Nolan Golden	6
Wilfred G. Saunders	3	George Sayer	7
*George P. Adams	4	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Surprise.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
E. Morris' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part (2nd the observation). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Mrs. Kathleen Jones	*Treble*	*Harold Taylor	5
Joseph Wm. Cotton	2	Sidney H. Jones	6
Alfred Mould	3	Jack Bailey	7
Walter G. Soar	4	William Minor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph William Cotton.
* First peal of Triples.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Mrs. C. W. Lawton	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Alan A. Potts	2	John Worth	6
Wilfred Stevenson	3	Peter Laflin	7
Charles W. Lawton	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John Worth.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Frederick C. Case	*Treble*	†Ernest Lines	5
*George W. Holland	2	William Yates	6
William Chester	3	Thomas E. Roberts	7
Frank J. Green	4	‡William H. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas E. Roberts.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Miss Jean M. Ward	*Treble*	John B. Bennett	5
Ernest Morris	2	Gordon A. Oliffe	6
Miss Mavis Whitehead	3	Alan Cattell	7
John Ward	4	Colin P. Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Alan Cattell.
First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

George Church	*Treble*	Raymond Wood	5
Stella M. Wickens	2	R. Congreve-Pridgeon	6
Basil W. White	3	Maurice O. Thomas	7
Albert W. Bond	4	Robert Challen	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice O. Thomas.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Edward G. L. Coward	*Treble*	Thomas G. Myers	5
Frank E. Mitchell	2	Sydney O'Shaughnessy	6
Thomas G. Fox	3	George E. Fearn	7
H. Frederick Myers	4	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Fredk. E. Collins.

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

Jack Mussell	*Treble*	Ronald N. Marlow	5
Wm. A. T. Carter	2	*T. Arthur Palmer	6
Peter Anger	3	W. Bertram Kynaston	7
Frank L. Harris	4	Reginald W. Rex	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by W. B. Kynaston.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Henry L. Bishop	*Treble*	James Gordon	5
H. Keith White	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Fredk. James	3	Bertram L. J. Brown	7
George Bishop	4	*Cecil Corderoy	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick James.
* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. A. H. Webb (foreman of Hagbourne tower).

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE A. PICKERING	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON...	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	*ROBERT BELL	6
ADAM DEAS	3	ARNOLD BRUNTON ...	7
*KENNETH PICKERING ...	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.
* First peal of Stedman. To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal of Stedman in the county of Durham, which was rung at this church on Saturday, November 12th, 1898.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

CECIL E. CARR	*Treble*	*A. JOHN TIMSON	5
JOHN H. BAILESS... ...	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	6
*E. CHARLES TURNER ...	3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ...	7
ERNEST W. TIPLER ...	4	FRANK K. MEASURES...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. Jackson, only daughter of Mr. R. J. Jackson. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	ERIC B. HARTLEY ...	5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	6
FRANCIS KIRK	3	*THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	7
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	ALEC RICHARDSON	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	6
DORIS E. COLGATE... ...	3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal of Cambridge as conductor. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*KENNETH PICKERING ...	*Treble*	*ROBERT BELL	5
†MISS MARGARET FIDELL	2	‡ARNOLD BRUNTON ...	6
JOHN ANDERSON	3	ADAM DEAS	7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	4	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal. Rung for the 1,300th anniversary of the foundation of this church.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	*Treble*	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
CHARLES MARSHALL ...	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
For the wedding of Mr. Frank Lapworth to Miss Betty Cross, members of the local band. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
MISS HAZEL DALE ...	2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	6
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS...	7
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Tenor 25½ cwt.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	H. PETER RAYNOR ...	5
NORA HONEY	2	*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	6
EDWIN G. MOORE... ...	3	*PETER W. B. SEMMENS	7
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ...	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST T. CARVELL ...	*Treble*	ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	5
JOAN M. WEBSTER ...	2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	6
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER...	3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	7
JAMES H. COOKE	4	WILLIAM DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.
The first peal in the method by all the band.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 23, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*MISS JOAN MORRIS ...	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
ALAN J. BROWN	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	*ROY BROOM	7
NEVILLE A. BROWN ...	4	HAROLD WALKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ALAN J. BROWN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ARTHUR D. COOK	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	6
LEONARD TUFFREY	3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*FLORRIE WYMAN ...	*Treble*	*HAROLD A. MAY	5
*OLIVER SIPPETTS	2	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
*RAYMOND OVERY ...	3	LEONARD STILWELL ...	7
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	4	*C. ERNEST SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal in the method.

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

H. J. HURRELL	*Treble*	J. HURRELL	5
P. J. SPICE	2	E. MOUNTER	6
MISS H. OAKSHETT ...	3	M. F. OAKSHETT	7
*E. C. BISHOP	4	J. E. LYDDIARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. E. LYDDIARD.
* First peal.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS E. LOMAS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. RETTER... ...	5
JACK SALWAY	2	GEORGE E. RETTER ...	6
MISS Q. PRING	3	ARTHUR J. C. HOLWAY...	7
*DERRICK CALLARD ...	4	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
* First peal. In memoriam Edward Trapnill, died November 26th, 1710.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, London, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Edinburgh, Framley, Heathcote, Hitchen, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. LESLIE PASK...	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	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.
Umpire: KENNETH S. B. CROFT.
* 250th peal. This is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung to a peal.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	‡JOHN GARDNER	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	2	EDMUND T. EXETER ...	6
*STANLEY WOOD	3	ALBERT E. LAKER ...	7
†ROGER SQUIRE	4	ERIC H. KNAPP ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALBERT E. LAKER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First peal in method by all the band except the ringer of 2. In memoriam A. J. Steele.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 37½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in E.

J. GEOFFREY STONELEY...	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	3	*JOHN B. BENNETT ...	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ...	4	JOHN LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. To mark the 95th birthday of Mr. James George.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	†EMLYN F. HANCOCK ...	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	2	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	6
JACK R. WORRALL ...	3	RONALD G. BECK ...	7
*ALFRED E. REEVES ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	*Treble*	SIDNEY H. JONES	5
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ...	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First of Stedman Triples 'inside.' A compliment to Mr. James George on the 95th birthday.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	H. JAMES TURNER	6
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	7
GEORGE E. FEARN ...	4	JOHN PINFOLD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Double Oxford, two of St. Clement's, two of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST BOWLEY ...	*Treble*	†REGINALD T. GOODMAN	4
†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD...	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS...	5
C. WILLIAM HALL... ...	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal. † First of Minor in four methods. First of Minor as conductor.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. 153) and four 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

IVOR H. TRUEMAN	*Treble*	F. CECIL MOGFORD... ...	4
GEORGE PRESCOTT	2	LEONARD DERRICK ...	5
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
The first peal of Kent Minor by all the band and on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. W. Treasure and Miss G. E. Calborne.

RIPPINGALE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Beverley, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Primrose. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. SCOTT	*Treble*	H. M. DAY	4
C. WOODS	2	C. WADE	5
W. WALDRON	3	W. OLDHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WADE.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

GWYN I. LEWIS ...	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	4
*THOMAS SCOTT	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK...	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	†BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First of Cambridge with a bob bell. † First peal of Cambridge. First in the method as conductor; also first of Cambridge on the bells.

GARVESTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun.. Nov. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	4
GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ...	5
GEORGE T. BUNNING ...	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

CYRIL COUSINS ...	*Treble*	HARRY FOLLEN	4
*JOHN COOK	2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	5
†JOHN FOX	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALLACE W. COUSINS
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*J. NELSON	*Treble*	*A. LEETE	4
J. WILLIAMSON	2	V. R. OVENS	5
*F. H. BEALES	3	*T. OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by V. R. OVENS.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ASHFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 changes (360 Stedman, 420 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Canterbury): F. Littlewood 1, E. Lomas 2, R. Looker (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, H. Bell 5, S. Read 6. For 75th birthday of treble ringer, who has been ringing at Ashfordby for 57 years.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Nicholas', 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss Angela Carter 1, Miss Joan Hammond 2, Miss Audrey West 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, H. Anthony Treadgold 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: B. Scoot 1, R. Webb 2, E. Buck 3, J. Church 4, I. Werrett (first in method) 5, J. Dear 6, W. Pooley 7, R. Newman (cond.) 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 28th, at Bishop Ryders, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. Fearn (cond.) 1, G. Chaplin 2, J. Scott (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, A. D. Mills 4, J. S. Walton (first of Surprise) 5, E. Lloyd 6, A. Cook 7, H. H. Fearn 8.

BOURNEMOUTH. — At St. John's on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gould 1, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 2, J. E. Daniels 3, M. J. Best 4, G. E. Evenden 5, A. H. Coote (first quarter of Grandsire) 6, A. J. Butler 7, P. A. Hunt 8.

CAMBERLEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Everett (1st quarter) 1, R. A. Bath (first 'inside') 2, F. Marchant (cond.) 3, W. J. Parker 4, F. J. Farr (cover bell) 5, H. Noakes 6, V. Wilkinson 7.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. John Piper (13) 1, Michael G. Collins (14) 2, William M. Stepney (13) 3, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (cond., 14) 4, F. H. Hicks 5, E. E. Breed (first of Bob Doubles) 6.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 26th, a quarter-peal of Doubles with tenor covering (480 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Ed. Jaggard 1, A. Beale 2, W. Webb 3, Ern Jaggard 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5, O. C. Simpson 6. First quarter on six by 1, 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DINTING, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Richardson 1, B. Walshaw 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, F. Booth 4, R. D. Airey (cond.) 5, J. Bentley 6. First in the method for 1, 4, 6. To celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss I. Hewitt.

EATON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hubbard 1, Hilda Shipman 2, P. Turner 3, F. Williams (first as cond.) 4, J. Morris 5, H. W. Shipman 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ryall 1, J. Hosgood 2, F. Wills 3, E. W. Biffin 4, R. Truman 5, F. Wreford 6, A. Newman (cond.) 7, W. Fairchild 8. For the conductor's 70th birthday.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA. — At St. Catherine's on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thomas 1, R. Edwards 2, W. Brown 3, R. Dobbins 4, A. Tew 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,248 Kent T.B. Major: T. Price (cond.) 1, F. Blagrove (first T.B.) 2, W. Sparrow 3, G. W. Morris 4, F. Blondell 5, F. C. Price (first T.B.) 6, H. J. Eldred 7, R. E. Price 8.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,380 of Doubles (60 of Erin, four 120's Stedman, four 120's Grandsire, two 120's St. Simeon's, 120 Plain Bob): M. R. D. Harford 1, Miss J. A. Smith 2, A. S. Watt (1st of Doubles) 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, R. Coles 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, G. R. Goodship 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Cox (first on 10) 7, W. Avery (first in method on ten) 8. S. T. Goodchild 9, A. L. James 10. For 75th birthday of Mr. R. Coles (foreman).

HERTFORD.—On Nov. 21st, 1,240 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. S. Carter 1, R. Dore 2, C. Sprngham 3, J. M. Page 4, V. Neale (cond.) 8, A. Wright 6, A. S. Carter 7, P. W. Saunders 8.

IPSWICH.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Smith 1, W. Tillett 2, H. G. Jillings 3, F. L. Fisher 4, H. D. Lister 5, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 6, J. F. Tillett 7, O. G. Barnard 8. In memoriam Mr. R. H. Brundle.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Lane (first quarter) 1, F. G. Harvey 2, G. H. Lane (first quarter as cond.) 3, D. L. Hooper 4, W. C. Rhodes 5.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Hughes 1, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 2, J. Campbell 3, J. Fielding 4, H. McIntyre 5, W. Young 6. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6. First on tower bells for 1 and 5.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Orlebar 1, A. R. Miles 2, A. Grimwood 3, W. A. Kitchenside (cond.) 4, R. Chandler 5, T. Foard 6, H. Brooks 8. First quarter 1, 5, 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Austin 1, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 2, Miss K. Valentine (first of Triples 'inside') 3, W. Gammage 4, E. Nobles 5, W. Parker 6, G. S. Valentine 7, A. Monk 8. For A. Monk's 79th birthday.

SALISBURY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, J. E. Figgures 2, J. Sutton 3, F. L. Harris (cond.) 4, L. Page 5, R. Marlow 6, L. Harris 7, E. Doel 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

ST. IVES, HUNTS. — On Nov. 15th 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Warrington, (cond.) 3, H. W. Pratt 4, L. W. Fisher 5, D. Sanderson 6, S. Clements 7.

SWINDON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Minchin 1, C. Hathaway 2, P. Minchin 3, D. Looker 4, W. Carter (cond.) 5, J. Plaister 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Hurn 1, R. W. Curson 2, P. W. J. Fryer 3, L. G. Tooke (first 'inside') 4, T. Spight 5, W. Farrow 6, H. Tooke (cond.) 7, W. Clover 8.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT

There can be no more acceptable Christmas present to a ringing friend than a year's (17s.) or half-year's (8s. 6d.) subscription to 'The Ringing World.' Remittances and addresses should be sent to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The finest achievement to date in the realm of Spliced Surprise ringing is the 22-method peal at Harmston, Lincolnshire. All the band practise regularly at Lincoln Cathedral, and six are members of the Cathedral company and regular Sunday service ringers.

A Christmas greetings page will appear in our next issue. Messages are inserted for 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

'Kewsett' will delight in our next issue. His 'Round England Quiz' will test the knowledge of roving ringers. There are also other novelties to amuse the erudite.

The following birthdays were commemorated by the peal of Cambridge Royal at Worsley: Mr. T. Hammond, 68th; Miss Joyce Slater, of Liverpool, 21st; and Miss E. M. Suart, Dalton-in-Furness.

Messrs. J. Hurrell (tower keeper) and J. E. Lyddiard have now 'circled' Eltham tower. Other 'circlers' this week are Messrs. J. A. L. Thompson, Claybrooke, Leics, W. A. Stote and J. W. Taylor, Shilton, Warwickshire.

Canon S. Blofeld's 29 years as Vicar of Edgbaston was marked by a peal by the St. Martin's Guild. Also honoured were Mr. S. Freemantle, beadle for 40 years, and Mr. J. George.

Complimentary peals to Mr. J. George on his 95th birthday were rung at Nuneaton, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Bottesford, Leicestershire; Ferndown, Dorset; and Leicester.

Mr. James George has received so many letters and telegrams of congratulation upon his 95th birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kind messages.

It has come as a big disappointment to our Australian friends to learn of the cancellation of the King's visit. Mr. A. R. Wilson, secretary of the Holy Trinity, Hobart, ringers, writes: 'We are looking forward to the Royal visit, and we are paying many visits to St. David's Cathedral, where bells have a lovely tone, and we intend to give a good account of ourselves.'

The peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, was an eighth birthday compliment to Norman Wm. Cotton, the son of the conductor. Norman is the youngest ringer in the Midland Counties Guild.

Interest in the Bebington, Cheshire, peal of November 23rd is that it is the first of Superlative for the Wirral Branch by a resident band.

Good use has been made of Terrington St. John, Norfolk, bells since their rehanging on November 29th, 1947. During the year 12 peals have been successfully brought round.

Among the quarters published in connection with the Royal birth was one at Brightwell, Berks. Until the spring of this year this tower was completely stoney. Now there are seven young people attending the weekly practices. We trust that in the near future it will be our privilege to record a peal from Brightwell.

Requests to be included as Royal birth peals have been received from: Brecon, November 15th; East Retford, November 23rd; Oxford, November 22nd; Bebington, November 23rd; Bowdon, Cheshire, November 23rd; Accrington, November 21st; Bicker, Lincs, November 22nd; Loughborough, Leicestershire, November 24th; Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, November 27th; Dublin, November 27th; Cradley, November 21st.

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New Record in Spliced Major

A LINCOLN ACHIEVEMENT.

With regard to the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 22 methods, rung at Harmston, Lines, on November 27th, I should like to place on record the following facts:—

(a) That I sat in the belfry during the whole of the ringing, and, with the composition before me, checked off every method as rung.

(b) That every lead-end was checked by me and came up according to schedule.

The peal was a good one and, apart from two trips in the second part, only one of which looked serious, a high standard of ringing was maintained throughout.

The Lincoln Spliced band began its activities in 1937, ringing the first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild that year with a peal in four methods. By February, 1939, they had accomplished a peal in 10 methods—only the second of its kind at the time—when the war interrupted their activities. After the war the same band began practising again, determined to carry this branch of the art to a higher level. After considerable practice, 16 Spliced Surprise Major methods were rung in March, 1947, for the first time. Since then, many hours of practice, intensified since last summer, have been put in in order to achieve the present record.

Great credit is due to Mr. J. A. Freeman who, at 64 years of age, conducted the peal without fault. His enthusiasm is largely responsible for this latest success. But Spliced Surprise requires the finest team spirit, and this performance is enhanced by the fact that the band as a whole is not a young one—Mr. F. W. Stokes is 65.

I should like to thank the band for the privilege of umpiring the peal, and to offer my congratulations on the occasion of one of the most difficult feats in the art of tower-bell ringing.—K. S. B. Crofts.

The composition by Mr. A. J. Pitman appears at the foot of the next column.

TRAPNILL'S KNELL

Dear Sir,—The peal at Honiton Clyst, Devon, on November 26th, was in memoriam to Edward Trapnill (probably a ringer), who died November 26th, 1710, and left £5 to have a knell rung each year on the anniversary of his death. This sum was in the care of the churchwardens until 1912, when Edward Broughton, a ringer and churchwarden at Honiton Clyst Church for 23 years, added another £5 and formed a trust.

The custom originally was to chime each bell separately three times before ringing, to ring three peals (call changes) and after to chime the tenor nine times, but only the chiming before ringing is carried out to-day.

This is the first time a peal has been rung for the occasion.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. RETTER.

Honiton Clyst.

STONEY STRATFORD VETERAN

Captain of the Stoney Stratford, Bucks, ringers for the past 53 years, Mr. Edwin Yates is still working at the age of 81 at his wheelwright's business, which he established in 1892.

His birthday on November 24th was featured by an illustrated article in the local newspaper, which recalled his 35 years' service as a member of the Town's Fire Brigade and 20 years' as verger.

Mr. Yates sang as a boy in St. Giles' Church choir, and for 63 years he has been ringing here, having taken part in between 50 and 60 peals, including the first peals of seven Surprise Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor for the Oxford Guild. He participated in a quarter in honour of the Royal baby on November 15th.



RINGERS OF LINCOLN CATHEDRAL. It was from this tower that preparations were made for the new record in Spliced Major. Six of those present participated in the peal. The ringers from left to right are: Front row: Raymond Smith, Geoffrey Mayer, John Walden (sec.), John A. Freeman (Master), Leslie Pask, George Flintham, Kenneth Mayer. Behind: Lewis Snell, Jack Millhouse, Sidney Chambers, Archer Lowman, Herbert Lowman, John Freeman, Walter Tomlinson, Tom Pyle. [Photo: C. C. Frisby, Lincoln.

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 22 METHODS

By A. J. PITMAN

2345678	
	3624578—London
	5236847—Claybrooke
6423857—Eastcote	6427583 Yorkshire
4357682—Langley	2654378 London
5437682—Bristol	
6354278—Heathcote	3526847—Uxbridge
5634278—N. Gloucester	6457382 Cambridge
3564278—N. Gloucester	2356847—Norfolk
	6437285 Superlative
2635847—Rutland	2364578—Eastcote
3265847—Bristol	
5427386 Pudsey	5623847—Framley
3254678—Wordsworth	3467582 Cambridge
	2563847—Norfolk
6532847—Wordsworth	3457286 Lincolnshire
2457683 Yorkshire	5324678 Edinburgh
5264378 Watford	
	6253847—Lindum
3652847—Claybrooke	3427685 Lincolnshire
2467385 Hitchin	6234578—Wembley

Four times repeated.

This composition contains 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, London, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Wordsworth, Yorkshire, and 160 each of Edinburgh, Framley, Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley with 149 changes of method. Norfolk is rung with a 4ths place Bob.

St. Benet's in Danger

FABIAN STEDMAN'S CHURCH.

We have received since our brief announcement in our last issue of the danger to St. Benet's tower, Cambridge, additional details of the trouble confronting this church.

St. Benet's is the oldest building in Cambridge, and is one of the best examples of late Saxon architecture in England. It is Fabian Stedman's tower. Here he was parish clerk in the 17th century.

The tower was originally covered with a thin coating of plaster, a feature which survived until about ten years ago, when it was removed by the Cambridge Camden Society. The loss of this protection has accelerated the process of decay, and the surface of the tower is now in a serious, even dangerous condition, though the fabric stands firm.

Many of the ragstones weighing up to 10lb. are loose, particularly those under the parapet, and some, which can be lifted out by hand, constitute a danger to anyone standing underneath. Other defects which will require treatment include traces of death watch beetle in the timbers above the bell frame.

The tower has been examined by Prof. A. E. Richardson, R.A., and Mr. James Macgregor, head of the University School of Architecture, and their estimate for making the tower safe is nearly £1,400. Towards the cost the Pilgrim Trust, Corpus Christi College and a number of individuals have made contributions, but approximately £500 is still outstanding.

Ringers will remember the great effort made by the Exercise in 1931 to put the bells in order. The University Guild use these bells regularly for practice during term, and so far the authorities have not called for a cessation of ringing. The hon. treasurer of the repair fund is Mr. T. Whitby, 83, Norwich Street, Cambridge, who appeals for donations.

A RINGERS' BOARD

An interesting discovery was recently made amongst some lumber at Bolton Parish Church of a board, about 4ft. by 3ft. It must have been lying about neglected since the church was built in about 1870, but with difficulty can be made out, writes Mr. Peter Crook. There was an old church on this site before 1870. The board reads as follows:—

'Bolton Church, 22nd April, 1783. At a Parifh Meeting herein held, it if ordered by the Vicar, Churchwardenf and other Parifhionerf prefent, that whereaf the Ringerf are allowed in their turn the benefit of tolling at funeralf, the ringerf whofe turn it if, fhall, af soon af the corpfe arrivef at the Church gatef come down out of the belfry and remain in the Church while the funeral service if performed, and do hif endevour to prevent noife and difturbance thro' crying children, of rude diforderly boys and others who too often crowd the Church on Thefe Solemnitief, and that the ringer who neglectf or refufef to do, fhall forfeit his said privilagef.'

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

Some 45 members attended the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch at Bridport on December 4th, representing nine affiliated towers.

Canon G. C. Clare, the Rector, conducted the service in church, and tea followed in the Church Hall.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, chairman of the branch, presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon Clare, the Revs. A. W. Wheeler and O. L. Willmott, and Col. Yeo, churchwarden of Bridport. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £23 4s. 7d. It was noteworthy that, with the exception of only two towers, all subscriptions had been paid up.

Officers were re-elected unanimously as follows: Chairman, Rev. C. Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Lathey; assistant secretary, Mr. D. W. Critchard; Ringing Master, Mr. H. D. W. Bishop; Deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. G. Keeley and J. Barrett. The Rev. O. L. Willmott was elected as vice-chairman. Five new members were elected from Bradpole and Mr. S. H. Green from Lyme Regis, bringing the total number of members up to 118, a slight increase on last year. Meetings were proposed for Bradpole in February, Hawkchurch with Thorncombe in July, and Whitchurch Canonicorum in September.

A suggestion by Mr. Barrett that efforts should be made to organise coaches for branch members to attend the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild in May was enthusiastically received, and it was agreed to form a subcommittee for this purpose at the next quarterly meeting.

Members were asked to do all they could to help with instructing in change ringing at Bradpole, Bridport, Powerstock and Loders.

Congratulations were expressed to Roger Keeley on ringing his first peal at the age of 13½ on a working bell in Kent Treble Bob Major.

On the motion of the chairman, thanks were accorded to the Rector of Bridport for his welcome and the use of his tower; also to Mr. B. Elsworth, the branch organist, to Mr. C. H. Lathey for his efficient work as secretary, and to the caterers for the ample tea provided.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included rounds and call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

BISHOP UNVEILS PEAL BOARD

The Bishop of Lichfield on December 5th unveiled a peal board in the belfry of St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,040 changes, rung in honour of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Stoke. The Bishop and the Archdeacon of Stoke chatted with the ringers. Afterwards a touch of Kent was rung on the bells.

OBITUARY

MR. S. CHURTON.

The North Staffordshire Association have lost one of their oldest members by the death of Mr. S. Churton, aged 82. Mr. Churton joined the Stoke band in 1885, and made rapid progress in the art of change ringing. For over 40 years he was leader of the St. Peter's band, and was also Ringing Master in the North Staffordshire Association. He was always willing to assist young ringers.

The Archdeacon of Stoke (the Ven. Percy Harbill) officiated at the funeral service on December 1st, and the interment was at Hartshill Cemetery, Messrs. C. H. Page, A. D. Steel, F. E. Wilshaw and M. Buckley, of the St. Peter's band, acting as bearers.

The bells were half-muffled at the annual meeting of the Association on December 4th as a mark of respect.

Lancashire Association

BOLTON BRANCH'S POPULARITY.

The success of the Bolton Branch's meetings is attracting ringers from many districts of Lancashire, Cheshire and borders of Yorkshire. The meeting on November 27th at the Saviour's Church was very well attended, the tower being well suited for large gatherings. The Ringing Master, Mr. J. L. Wright, had a difficult task in arranging touches to suit everybody. Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich Major were the predominant methods, and the striking throughout was of a high order. Call changes were provided for the beginners. Unfortunately there was one competent ringer short to make up bands for London, Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise.

Mr. Marshall and his very young daughter from Parbold attended, and the ringing performance of the latter surprised all present. At the other end of the scale of years was the veteran Walter Gorton, who, at 87, said it was three years since he rang a peal and it was time he was having another.

At the last monthly meeting held at St. Mary's, Deane, bands had to go into the tower in relays, there was such a large attendance and a small tower.

Some towers provide full teas, others provide cups of tea only.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on December 18th, and the annual branch meeting at Bolton Parish Church on January 22nd. P. C.

AMERICA'S GIFT TO BERKS VILLAGE

On November 20th, the Right Rev. A. Parham, Suffragan Bishop of Reading, dedicated two bells in the tower of the Parish Church, Shrivenham. These bells were the gift of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and the British Empire who were stationed at Shrivenham in 1944, and were given to complete the octave, there being already six bells in a frame constructed for eight.

On the following Sunday evening the first quarter-peal, 1,260 Stedman Triples, was rung by the following: Miss M. E. Richards 1, C. J. Gardener 2, Wm. W. T. Daniell 3, E. J. Berry 4, E. Bishop 5, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, P. Anger 8.

A YORKSHIRE CELEBRATION

To celebrate the winning of the Hoylandswaine Challenge Cup, the Cawthorne Church bellringers enjoyed an excellent supper at the Golden Cross Cafe on November 27th.

Ringers from adioining towers were invited to attend, but as the district was enveloped in fog it was soon realised that no guests would be able to join the festive board, so after a hurried consultation a frantic S.O.S. was sent out for the Cawthorne ringers' wives, who, though originally barred from the supper, turned up triumphantly and all was well.

Ringing in a variety of methods took place in the afternoon at the Church of All Saints, and amongst the performers was Mr. J. W. Fish, who has been a ringer at Cawthorne for 46 years.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

TAUNTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Taunton on December 4th, and was attended by some 70 ringers. The service at St. James' Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Hirst.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. J. W. Storey, and the election of officers for 1949 resulted as follows: Rev. F. Hirst (chairman), Mr. A. W. Hayward (vice-chairman), Mr. A. H. Reed (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. G. Gigg (Ringing Master). Tribute was paid to the Rev. Storey, the retiring chairman, who has always been an inspiration at these meetings. Full use was made of the towers available, and a most successful meeting resulted.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

NEWBURY BRANCH.

Fog prevented many from attending the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild at Newbury on November 27th, including the Master, Deputy Master and general secretary. Nevertheless, 58 sat down to tea in St. Nicolas' Parish Room, including the Rector of Newbury, the Rev. Bertram Russell, the chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, and Col. R. T. Foster, of Peasemore.

Most of the branch towers were presented and visitors were present from Basingstoke, Eynsham, Guildford, Oxford, Reading, Sherborne St. John and Woolton Hill. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the chairman, with Mr. G. A. Sellick at the organ.

In his address the Rector asked the ringers if they realised that with thousands of parishes in the country and ringers in most parishes, they must form the biggest men's club in England. With such a powerful force for good they could, by standing firm in their various walks of life for all that was true and honourable, do much to stem the falling off of those standards of life which were the hallmark of a Christian.

At the business meeting all branch officers were re-elected. Six new ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. Rex, the Ringing Master, reported that seven peals and several quarter-peals had been rung during the year. He hoped for more quarter-peals by local bands. Combined practices had been held at different towers where courses in the more advanced methods had been rung. The secretary reported that there was quite a nucleus of keen young ringers, but more were needed to keep the branch alive.

It is hoped to arrange another meeting next year with the Basingstoke Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. The next meeting of the Newbury Branch was fixed for Compton in February. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Kent and Bob Royal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT FORNCETT.

The South Norfolk Branch meeting at Forncett on November 13th attracted a record number of 60 ringers and friends. The heavy ring of five bells was made full use of, also two sets of handbells, the youngest ringer, Master Allan Curson, aged 4, ringing two handbells to rounds. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Vokes, with the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow at the organ, and Mr. Nolan Golden read the lesson.

The branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, presided at the meeting, supported by the Rev. St. J. Heard (president), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), the Rev. — Vokes (hon. member), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary) and Messrs. E. Whiting, C. E. G. Banham, F. W. Phillipps and W. Saunders (committee). The annual meeting of the branch is to be held at Diss on February 5th, 1949.

5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. P. WHITEHEAD.

23456 M	In	Out	5ths	H
35264	2	—	3	
42635		—	—	—
23645		—		
34625		—		
64235		—	2	
43265		—	3	
24536				—
43526		—	3	
32546		—	3	
52436		—	2	
23456		—	3	

6ths place bobs (except the 2M).

Rung at Melton Mowbray on Sept. 25th, 1945.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The New Notebook and Diary

Dear Sir,—The new diaries are now completed and are being mailed to purchasers who, we hope, will be very pleased with them.

With books of this kind it is very hard to please everybody, and we think that a few words of explanation as to why certain things were included or omitted would not be out of place.

For instance, after the 'Central Council Members and Guild Secretaries' section had been set and space allocated it was found that several smaller but very active societies were not included, but no more space could be allotted. Again the original conception of the 'methods' section included a much greater range of methods and touches, but it was found necessary, for reasons of economy, to condense everything. Even so, there are 20 methods and 325 touches and quarter peals.

Regarding the 'Peals Rung' and 'Towers Visited' sections, we think that enough space has been allowed for all but a few 'star' performers.

The 'diary' section was made 'week-to-a-page' because we think that only a few persons write copious notes, and the space allowed is sufficient for the writing of appointments and for normal use. We consider that the disadvantages are far outweighed by the convenient slenderness of the present book and the allowing of space for other purposes.

Contents of the "diary' section are incomplete as regards annual meetings and dinners, but all the information volunteered in response to our request in 'The Ringing World' some time ago has been printed. It is hoped that, with the full co-operation of all concerned, any omissions can be rectified in future editions.

Sales of the diary have proved that there was a real need for it in the Exercise and, having made a good beginning, we should, in future years, be able to offer an even better service. Long live the diary.

W. VIGGERS and M. HODGSON.

LOTTERIES & RESTORATION SCHEMES

Dear Sir,—I wish Mr. P. Amos would give all the facts when rushing to write a letter for printing. The letter he sent to all guilds, etc., for a collection to be taken at their meetings was his own private affair and not connected in any way with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

As regards the appeals from Ipswich and Somerset, these took the form of prize-draw tickets, and at our meeting the point was to decide if we could accept and sell these tickets officially when our local clergy had requested that no funds be raised by prize-drawing tickets for bell restoration purposes. The feeling of the members present at the meeting was not to accept and sell the tickets.

A suggestion then immediately came from the chair that we should have a collection at that meeting and the next meeting for the appeals concerned, and equally divide the donations for the towers concerned. This was carried unanimously, and I can assure you more was realised from this collection than would have come from the sale of draw tickets.

If any visiting ringers would like to try any bells in this vicinity, we are only too pleased to make the necessary arrangements and not ask for a 'county wide appeal.' I have yet to hear that a donation of £10 from our Bell Restoration Fund entitles anyone, other than the incumbent, to say who shall or shall not ring peals on the bells concerned.

I seem to remember, when Mr. Amos made his appeal, that he was heard to say, 'When I get these bells I take good care they won't get connected to Peterborough Guild.'—Yours sincerely, E. NOBLES, Hon. Sec.

Duston, Northants.

Ambitions and Thanks

By taking part in the peal of Bristol Surprise at Bottesford on November 27th, Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has set up a new record by having rung peals of 5,000 changes and upwards on every possible tower in Leicestershire. There are actually 133 towers with rings of five bells and more, and of these Mr. Morris has rung peals in 128. They are comprised as follows: 43 of five, 46 of six, 33 of eight, 4 of ten and 2 of twelve. No other ringer has yet achieved so many towers in one county to full peals. As the other towers become possible by ultimate restoration, Mr. Morris hopes to be able to complete every one.

Dear Sir,—As a young ringer 40 years ago I made it my ambition to be able to ring any bell—big or little—going going or otherwise. Also to be able to ring any method on five bells and upwards. How far this ambition has been attained is shown in my list of peals. Being also desirous of learning something about the bells themselves, their history, inscriptions and founders, I set about finding all information I could of the bells of my native county, Leicestershire. In the course of years I have collected all the possible data on the history of the bells, their founders and peals rung.

And in my wanderings I determined to get a peal at every possible tower with 5 bells and over. In the latter connection I have to thank my country friends, especially the Ratby and Groby band—the Geary family in particular—for assisting in many towers around their district. Then the Billesdon band, headed by the brothers Geoffrey and Norman Geary, who took me to so many outlying places that would have been quite impossible without their help.

Many other local bands and individual ringers have helped to make my ambition possible, and to each and all I offer my sincerest thanks. It is easily possible that my record will be broken in the larger counties with many more towers than our small county, and I look forward to this being done in the near future.—Yours sincerely,

Leicester. ERNEST MORRIS.

MR. C. F. JOHNSTON RESIGNS

The Board of Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., announces with regret the resignation of Mr. C. F. Johnston from the company. His place has been taken by Mr. H. M. Howard, a well-known authority on the founding and tuning of church bells. The whole of the experienced technical staff is being retained as formerly.

A CENTURY AT BRIDSTOW

By the ringing of the last peal of Grandsire Triples at Bridstow, Herefordshire, the number of peals rung to this tower has reached 100, the list being: On the original five bells: Grandsire Doubles 2.

After their increase to six in 1910: Grandsire Doubles 1, Stedman Doubles 1, one Minor method 11, two Minor methods 3, three Minor methods 2, four Minor methods 1, five Minor methods 3, seven Minor methods 6, nine Minor methods 1, ten Minor methods 1, twelve Minor methods 1, fourteen Minor methods 1.

After augmentation to eight in 1924: Grandsire Triples 21, Stedman Triples 7, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 21, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Double Bob Major 1, Double Oxford Major 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Little Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 1.

These were rung by 91 different ringers, 86 of which were conducted by Mr. W. Poston. A unique record is held by Mr. Poston of having rung in all these peals except the peal of London by the late Mr. W. Pye's band.

Mr. J. George's 95th Birthday

'I am the oldest veteran ringer in the world ever to ring a handbell peal at the age of 95 years.'

This is the footnote Mr. James George forwarded to the editor in regard to the handbell peal he rang on his 95th birthday on Saturday, November 27th, at the residence of Mr. Martin Stewart at Ferndown, Dorset. The peal is recorded in this issue.

'Jimmy arrived "full of beans,"' writes the conductor, Mr. D. T. Matkin. The peal was listened to by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas and Mr. A. H. Pulling, and they can testify that it was good ringing. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Stewart provided refreshments, and 'Jimmy' certainly enjoyed himself.

This is Mr. George's 1,281st peal. Those have been rung in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales in 399 different churches and cathedrals, and in 27 different places on handbells.

On August 24th, 1939, he rang the sixth to a peal of Plain Bob Major at Enderby, Leicestershire, at the age of 85 years and 9 months, and is the oldest surviving ringer to ring a tower bell at that age. This peal was called by Mr. Ernest Morris, who asks us to give his congratulations to Mr. George. Mr. Morris concludes: 'I have vivid memories of many other fine peals we rang together, especially the 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob, which I called with Mr. George on the tenor.'

Mr. George has already made provisional arrangements for his 96th birthday peal next year. He is in reasonably good health, and there appears to be no reason why he should not do what he says he will do—live to be 100 years.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A story of electricity failure was the meeting of the Cambridge District at Ickleton on November 13th. There was no light in the tower at the start of the meeting. Later, to the relief of everyone, it was restored only to fail just before the service.

In the fast failing natural light the service started, and then, to the amazement of the congregation, as the words of the first line of the second verse ('Let all your lamps be bright') of the hymn, 'Ye servants of the Lord,' was being sung, the lights came on.

Owing to the large attendance tea at the Red Lion was in two sittings. A sum of 2 gns. was voted to the fund for Duxford bells—those in the derelict Church of St. John are to be rehung in the Church of St. Peter. The district annual meeting will be at Cambridge on January 22nd.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The last meeting of the year was held at Stalybridge (St. Paul's) on Nov. 27th, when, despite the foggy conditions, some 70 members and friends were present. Good use was made of the bells before the service in church.

The Guild form of service was read by an old friend of the branch, Canon B. B. Slater, who in an interesting address said that ringers should glorify their ancient ministry. To do this would require from them dedication, regularity and worship. By glorifying their ministry they would help in glorifying the whole ministry of the church.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided, and the meetings suggested for 1949 (subject to the agreement of the towers in question) were: January 29th, Stockport (St. Mary's); April 23rd, Burbage; May 21st, Hayfield; June 25th, Knutsford; July 16th, Mottram; September 24th, Marple; November 26th, Stalybridge (Holy Trinity).

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Further ringing was enjoyed until a late hour.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Rodbourne Cheney,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

W. Bertram Kynaston *Treble*		*Bernice M. Strange ...	4
*Beryl J. Strange ...	2	John E. Manners ...	5
Thomas I. Holborow	3	William M. Greenaway *Tenor*	

Conducted by John E. Manners.
* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor (age 15). Rung to mark the centenary of the restoration of the church.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Arthur E. Hoodless *Treble*		‡Harry Rogers	4
*Patrick Preston ...	2	Walter Nichols ...	5
†Peter Nix	3	Fredk. A. Salter ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by Fredk. A. Salter.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor on tower bells. ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor. A farewell to the Rev. Ingliss, who is leaving for St. Peter's, Nottingham.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12¾ cwt. approx.

L. Campey ... ... *Treble*		Mrs. E. M. P. Lawton	4
J. W. L. Slack	2	N. Meakin	5
C. W. Lawton	3	J. W. Whittaker ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by Mrs. E. M. P. Lawton and C. W. Lawton (two extents each), and J. W. Whittaker (three extents).
For the dedication of a victory memorial clock and of the memorial clock to Thomas Taylor (a ringer at this church for over 48 years).

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Lewis J. Last ... ... *Treble*		Basil F. W. Osborne...	4
George W. Pipe	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	5
Tom Ward	3	Cecil W. Pipe ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
A compliment to Mr. George Fleming, a fellow-ringer, and Miss Hyacinth Hermione (Grace) Mortimer, on the occasion of their marriage.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A.

*Alan Whitford ... ... *Treble*		Derek Whitford	3
Stuart Smith	2	Chris. M. P. Johnson...	4
Roger Leigh ... ... *Tenor*			

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven variations of extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 53 lb.

Andrew Moore ... ... *Treble*		Arthur J. E. Smalls ...	4
Charles H. Moore ...	2	Nolan Golden	5
*Bertie Hammond ...	3	George Sayer ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Robert Howard ... ... *Treble*		William G. Short ...	4
John P. Morriss ...	2	William B. Dawson ...	5
George R. Dawson ...	3	Cyril Wander ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by Cyril Wander.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 14, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*
At 39A, High Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

Ronald H. Bullen ...	1-2	John A. Acres	5-6
Maurice J. Thurmott ...	3-4	Owen A. Needham ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
Conductor's 25th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At 48, Ashfield Avenue,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Margaret D. Woolley	1-2	Harold G. Cashmore ...	5-6
Christopher W. Woolley	3-4	†Wilfred H. J. Hooton	7-8

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in A.

Albert H. Ward	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	William G. Young	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
Twenty-fifth peal 'in hand' this year by the conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

Ernest Morris	1-2	Charles Marshall ...	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead ...	3-4	Josiah Morris	7-8

Conducted by Charles Marshall.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
At Ferndown Hill,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor size 16 in B.

Alfred H. Pulling ...	1-2	John Thomas	5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3-4	*Francis S. Wilson ...	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. M. Stewart.
* Hundredth peal.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
At Ferndown Hill,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C.

Albert H. Ward	1-2	Alfred H. Pulling ...	5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3-4	John Thomas	7-8

Conducted by John Thomas.
Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. M. Stewart.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At Ferndown Hill,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1-2	Mrs. J. Thomas	5-6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3-4	Daniel T. Matkin	7-8
John Thomas	9-10		

Composed by Louis Head. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Umpire: A. H. Ward.
Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. M. Stewart.
Rung to celebrate Mr. J. George's 95th birthday.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
At Ferndown Hill,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in B.

Albert H. Ward	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	James George	7-8

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
A compliment to Mr. James George on his 95th birthday.

NOTICES

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Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.
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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ENGAGEMENT

GRAY—HOULDSWORTH. — The engagement is announced between Philip M. J. Gray, only son of Mrs. J. C. Gray, of 5, Box Ridge Avenue, Purley, Surrey, and Joan Houldsworth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Houldsworth, of 92, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot, Devon. 4497

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, of 4, Quarry Road, Totley, Sheffield, wishes to thank his numerous ringing friends for their kind letters of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement. 4492

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.—A page will be reserved in our issue of Dec. 24th for this popular form of salutation from ringers to their friends. Price 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—Consecration of church and institution of Rev. A. S. Roberts as first Vicar, Saturday, Dec. 18th., at 3 p.m. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Prayers and peals by distant friends appreciated. 4479

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Wye, Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Burnham, Saturday, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 4475

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Practice ringing, Ipswich (8 and 12), Dec. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Tea 5 p.m., Tudor Cafe. St. Margaret's draw result. No business. Please notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 4464

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Norton (8), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4480

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent Dec. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring food. —W. A. Parsons, District Sec. 4478

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Clenchwarton (5), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4482

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting, Royston (near Barnsley), Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own sandwiches. Good bus service from Barnsley. —J. J. L. Gilbert and D. Smith. 4483

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) from 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d. each) for all who notify Mr. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole, by Dec. 28th.— H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4496

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 1st, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4500

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst (8), Jan. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Dec. 29th to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 4503

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, January 1st, commencing at 6.15 prompt. St. Martin's bells (12) will be available for one hour (5 to 6 p.m.).—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4495

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Notice of motion and nominations of officers, etc., must reach me by Feb. 1st. The altered rates of subscription come into force on Jan. 1st, 1949: members 2s. 6d., hon. members 2s. 6d., life hon. members one guinea. These are, of course, minimum subscriptions. The peal ringing fee of 6d. per ringer for peals to be published in our report also commences on Jan. 1st. Details of peals and the appropriate fee should be sent to Mr. R. Suckling, 27, Coldnailhurst Avenue, Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex. I take this opportunity of wishing all members a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham. 4499

QUARTER PEALS

BEAMINSTER, DORSET. — On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Barrett 1, A. J. Scott 2, M. Poole 3, E. F. Brooks 4, C. H. Lathey 5, J. L. Glyde 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, A. T. Meech 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS. — On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Warden 1, Miss R. Ashley 2, H. F. Ashley 3, S. Carter 4, H. Ashley 5, A. J. Hinde (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

CORSTON, NR. BATH.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, 300 Stedman and 240 April Day): Miss B. H Young 1, Miss E. M. Hannam 2, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 3, S. G. King 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, H. Jones (first quarter) 6. First quarter in four methods by all the band.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE. — On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maclean 1, D. Maclean 2, J. Hanley 3, R. Evans 4, W. Lago 5, J. L. Stanier 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Maclean 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Baverstock 1, P. R. Waterman 2, J. Mussell 3, Miss J. M. Brown 4, R. N. Marlow (first as cond.) 5, H. G. Gray 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, S. Smith (first quarter) 3, R. Wykes 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. C. Sharpe 1, R. Heath 2, A. E. Austin (cond.) 3, J. A. Acres 4, S. Forwood 5, A. Beale 6.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, J. Attwood 2, E. T. Newbury 3, P. Payne 4, F. Miles 5, H. Higgins (first quarter) 6.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Coleridge 1, F. E. Manns 2, J. Mussell 3, J. Lewis 4, L. F. Harris (cond.) 5, H. Smith (first quarter) 6.

STAGSDEN, BEDS. — On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Long (15) 1, B. Hulatt (14) 2, W. Baxter (17) 3, M. Stevens (19, cond.) 4, L. Keep (18) 5, W. Welch (17) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, a half-peal of Minor (720 Kent T.B., 1,440 Oxford T.B., 360 Plain Bob): B. Elliot 1, G. Schlueter 2, R. F. Boykett 3, F. Harrington 4, G. Saunders 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, Miss V. Relf 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, A. E. Beaney 5, W. C. Marshall 6, M. W. Marshall 7, E. A. Stanger 8. For 83rd birthday of Mr. R. Edwards.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Tooke 1, G. T. Pegnall 2, P. W. J. Fryer 3, R. G. Fisher 4, C. Curson 5, W. Farrow 6, W. Clover 7, R. W. Curson (cond.) 8.

WHITCHURCH, OXON. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wyllis Short 1, G. Clark 2, C. H. Ward (cond.) 3, W. Johnson 4, M. Wise (first 'inside') 5, G. Diaper (first quarter) 6.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Minor (480 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 St. Clement's, 420 Plain Bob): Miss Doris M. Wiskin 1, S. Harpley 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, Miss Doris J. Peeling 4, R. Wiskin

WATFORD.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Bob Royal: S. Dolley 1, S. H. Hoare 2, W. G. Paul 3, J. Brookman 4, H. G. Timms 5, A. R. Dawes 6, P. H. Watts 7, G. Seaman 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, F. H. Crook 10. First of Royal by 1, 4 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Holmes (first quarter) 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, L. W. Skinner 3, R. Hartley 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Ian Couch 6.

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'TO ALL PROCLAIM HIM'

THIS issue of 'The Ringing World' is dated Christmas Eve, and this evening and to-morrow the majority of the 40,000 ringers in this country and overseas will through the bells be proclaiming to the world at large the glad tidings of Christmas. It is the privilege of the ringer to be among the first to say 'Merry Christmas' to the community. Our first thought is of ourselves, and your Editor and the Editorial Committee send to every belfry where this journal is taken their personal greetings and good wishes. 'We are all brothers' is a phrase that could well be applied to ringers. Despite all our shortcomings, we are the largest organised body of church-workers in the country; there is certainly no other body where individual members are known to each other so intimately and with greater friendliness.

Everyman will be listening for our bells this evening. Each Christmas brings to mankind new hope. The message of the heavenly host of 'Peace on earth, goodwill towards men' is applicable to-day as it was on that first Christmas. And the message comes from the churches of our land. Dean Carpenter, in his book 'The Household of Faith,' tells of this witness to God. 'One has a spire, a finger pointing to God,' he writes. 'Another has a tower. It is like an old man holding up a clenched hand and saying, "As the Lord liveth before whom I stand. Thus saith the Lord."'

On Christmas morning people will look at the spires and towers of our land and hear the message of our witness, 'Goodwill towards men.' It is in the atmosphere of goodwill and none other that we can receive the great gift of Christmas and take part in the worship and adoration of the Christ Child.

To some in these days the call of Bethlehem might sound very mystic, nevertheless it is still real and living. It is not a call 'Come to church at all costs'; it is the same attraction as was possessed by the stable of Bethlehem, that drew the shepherds and the wise men to the Infant Christ. The words of a traditional French carol, 'Waking Time,' tells perhaps better than any editorial words the message and the witness:—

> And in a stable though he lies,
> We in our hearts will soon devise
> Such mansions as can never shame him:'
> There we will house and hold him dear,
> And through the world to all proclaim him:
> 'Wake up, good folk!
> Wake up, good folk, for Christ is here.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5043 CHANGES;

Horace Belcher ...	...*Treble*	George W. Cecil	7
William H. Pasmore ...	2	Alfred B. Peck	8
Herbert Langdon ...	3	John Phillips	9
Thomas H. Taffender...	4	Jack A. Waugh	10
John E. Chilcott ...	5	Edward P. Duffield ...	11
J. Frank Smallwood ...	6	James Bullock ... } James H. Rumley ... }	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry G. Miles. Conducted by Herbert Langdon.

Rung to celebrate the birth of the Royal Prince. Tenor 62 cwt.

TEN BELL PEAL

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*C. Henry Harding	...*Treble*	Richard Kendall	6
†Valerie Willard ...	2	Joseph E. Arnold ...	7
Betty Spice	3	Victor W. Conquest ...	8
Reginald H. Howson	4	Sydney Foskett	9
*William Yates	5	Fredk. J. Plummer ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Joseph E. Arnold.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

Victor M. Russell	...*Treble*	Edward B. Smith... ...	5
Edward E. Davey ...	2	Urban W. Wildney ...	6
Ronald G. Bugg	3	Walter Felgate	7
Horace A. Wright ...	4	Walter A. Southgate ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

72nd birthday peal for G. E. Russell, father of treble ringer.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. George's Variation of Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Miss Barbara Steeples	*Treble*	J. Fredk. Milner ...	5
†Thomas W. Wheat ...	2	Arthur J. Chamberlain	6
J. Kenneth Wagstaff	3	Charles Carr	7
‡Ronald Fowkes ...	4	§Sefton L. Clark ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Frederick Milner.

* First peal. † First in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples. § First in the method. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to James George (95 years).

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour, Oxton,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

H. Johnson's Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Ernest T. Carvell	...*Treble*	James H. Cooke	5
Joan M. Webster ...	2	Alexander J. Martin...	6
Alfred W. Cusick ...	3	Eric J. Gilbert	7
Charles B. Pemberton	4	William Dean	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Dean.

To mark the 25th anniversary of the first peal in the method by a resident Wirral band.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Peter D. Huckstepp...	*Treble*	*Richard J. Lancefield	5
Mark W. Marshall ...	2	Wilfred W. Ring ...	6
*William C. Marshall	3	Albert J. Lancefield	7
Harry Baker	4	Mark S. Lancefield...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Haley. Conducted by Albert J. Lancefield.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. A farewell to Albert J. Lancefield, who was shortly leaving for New Zealand. Tenor 15 cwt.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Brian Davies ...	...*Treble*	Frank Barnard	5
Joseph Boyer	2	Frank Ollier	6
Fredk. S. Sutton ...	3	John E. Brough ...	7
Edward J. Boffey ...	4	†Herbert Sutton ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Brough.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. In honour of Rev. Tyler Whittle, Rector and Rural Dean of Nantwich, being installed as hon. canon at Chester Cathedral.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*F. John Stimson	...*Treble*	†Dennis R. Carlisle ...	5
Colin Harrison ...	2	Ernest Morris	6
Edward G. Gobey ...	3	Edward F. Gobey ...	7
George W. Creasey...	4	Joseph A. Fenton ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Piggot. Conducted by Joseph A. Fenton.

* First of Major. † First in method. First in method on the bells. A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor on her 82nd and James George on his 95th.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Reginald Beale ...	...*Treble*	Reginald Welch ...	5
Mrs. E. S. Powell ...	2	Jack W. Drew	6
Dennis R. Best	3	John T. Locke	7
William F. Gibbons ...	4	*Arthur H. Rowsell...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald Beale.

* First peal on eight.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brook's Variation. Tenor 28 cwt.

Frank A. Penn ...	...*Treble*	Leonard Harris	5
Frederick S. Slatford	2	*Frank L. Harris ...	6
*Colin W. Reed	3	Percival W. J. Harding	7
*Ronald N. Marlow...	4	*Jack Mussell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal in the method.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Fredk. E. Wilshaw...	*Treble*	Arthur Peake	5
*Margaret Rigby	2	*Fredk. W. Grocott, jun.	6
Alan D. Steel	3	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
Arnold Moore	4	Neville R. Holland...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Neville R. Holland.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*James Taylor ...	...*Treble*	†James Worsley	5
John H. Rishton ...	2	*Kenneth Hartley ...	6
†Charles Haworth ...	3	William Rideough ...	7
A. Victor Williams ...	4	†Thomas R. Bury ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Taylor.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on bells by local band. In honour of the marriage of Miss Barbara Halstead to Mr. Paul Gordon Walker, and a 72nd birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

William Salt	*Treble*	Leslie E. Rivers ...	5
Mrs. H. J. Poole ...	2	Sidney O. Cheney ...	6
Elizabeth Faulknall ...	3	Harold J. Poole	7
Cecil E. Carr	4	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
A compliment to Canon H. V. Hibbert on the 25th anniversary of his induction at this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5021 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,952 Bristol and 3,069 Peterborough. Tenor 10 cwt.

Fredk. A. Finch	*Treble*	Leonard H. Bowler ...	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Alick Cutler	6
Maurice Hodgson ...	3	Alfred J. House	7
Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by M. Hodgson. Conducted by Chas. W. Roberts.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in two methods for the Association.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Kathleen Tilley ...	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
*Herrick B. Bowley ...	2	Harold G. Jenney ...	6
*Dorothy Udale	3	Alfred Ballard	7
*Laurence Greenhow ...	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Fred Dench Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Congratulatory peal to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby on the birth of a son.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Robert Collins	*Treble*	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Doris E. Colgate ...	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Reginald E. Lambert ...	3	John O. Weller	7
Edwin H. Lewis ...	4	Robert T. Lambert ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Thos. E. Sone.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Miss Julia M. Preston	*Treble*	Percival W. Cave ...	5
*Roger C. Preston ...	2	Thomas W. Hesketh ...	6
†Ronald Airey	3	William Robinson ...	7
Peter Parrott	4	Fredk. S. Almond ...	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by P. W. Cave.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

William Ambler	*Treble*	Thomas W. Strangeway	5
Leslie W. G. Morris ...	2	Fred Hodgson	6
Patricia E. M. Barton	3	John Ambler	7
William Barton	4	Percy J. Johnson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
All the band are officers of the Association and resident in the Western District. The conductor's 200th peal and 100th as conductor.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

E. Roger Martin ...	*Treble*	*G. Alec Dimmock ...	5
Thomas Barker	2	James Blackburn ...	6
*Sydney Tuson	3	John H. Gartside ...	7
John Jackson	4	Arthur Hatch	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by E. Roger Martin.
* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the silver jubilee of the Rector, Canon Cartmel, in the priesthood. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*John Pearson	*Treble*	Harry Wilde	5
Edward Jenkins ...	2	Vernon Bottomley ...	6
John E. Bibby	3	Alfred Smith	7
*Ronald Squires	4	Sam Longbottom ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Mrs. E. F. Salmons...	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor ...	5
*Ernest F. Salmons ...	2	*Arthur V. Davis ...	6
Tom Page	3	Fredk. W. Rogers ...	7
Fredk. W. Burnett ...	4	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

George E. Fearn ...	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn ...	5
George E. Large ...	2	Arthur D. Cook ...	6
Arthur V. Pearson ...	3	*Thomas W. Sheppard...	7
*Barnabas G. Key ...	4	Arthur Pritchard ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter, Halliwell,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Edward B. Webster ...	*Treble*	Albert Heywood ...	5
John F. Wood	2	Peter Crook, sen. ...	6
Leslie Owen	3	Edward Iddon	7
Wilfred Kerr	4	*Ronald Makinson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Vicar and his wife.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Alexander S. Watt ...	*Treble*	†Brian D. Threlfall ...	5
Gillian A. Smith ...	2	John Davy	6
John B. Rowsell ...	3	Michael R. D. Harford	7
Rev. B. F. Sheppard...	4	Geoffrey Dodds ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by M. R. D. Harford.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*Squire Croft	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Leonard H. Bowler ...	2	Alfred J. House	6
*William J. Ellis ...	3	Charles W. Roberts ...	7
William Welling ...	4	Fredk. A. Finch ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
* First peal in the method and on the bells.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Cadoc,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Leslie F. G. Bainham...	*Treble*	George E. Large ...	5
Donald G. Clarke ...	2	Rev. Ivor J. Richards	6
Mrs. L. Bainham	3	Robert E. R. Smith ...	7
John W. Jones	4	Alfred W. Heath ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. R. Smith.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones on the eve of his 83rd birthday.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRECON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 15, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM G. SMITH ...*Treble*	DAVID J. GRIFFITHS ... 4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 2	BERNARD H. DAVIES ... 5
*MELVILLE S. HOWECROFT 3	*VERNON H. CLARK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID H. BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the gift of a son to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of six score of April Day, 15 score each of Plain Bob Doubles and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and six score of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROLAND LEWIS ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS COOPER 4
C. WILLIAM NUTT 2	FREDERICK MERRICK ... 5
H. KITCHENER HILL ... 3	JAMES H. GWILLIAM ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

In honour of Royal birth.

STOKE ST. MARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 15 extents of Stedman (10 callings), 15 of Grandsire (10 callings), and 12 of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED ... ...*Treble*	*FRANCIS MORRIS 3
FRANK HANSFORD 2	*WILLIAM H. TARR ... 4
HARRY CHURCHILL ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by HARRY CHURCHILL.

* First peal on five bells. First peal on the bells.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILFRED E. GEARY ...*Treble*	JOHN BRAMLEY 4
JOHN B. BENNETT 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
TERENCE E. GARDNER ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung for St. Clement's Day, and is the first of its kind by all the band and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*F. HORACE E. STUBBS *Treble*	*PAUL L. TAYLOR 4
*LEONARD HALL 2	LESLIE STEVENS 5
COLIN HARRISON ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First peal in three methods.

BECKFORD, NEAR TEWKESBURY.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2 of Oxford and 2 of Kent Treble Bob and 3 of Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... ...*Treble*	JAMES ATTWOOD 4
FREDERICK NURDEN ... 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
PETER BAKER 3	TREVOR E. NEWBURY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN COOK ... ...*Treble*	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
WALTER F. JARVIS ... 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
*CYRIL COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal 'inside.'

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 26, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Single Oxford. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

Miss GWEN E. MURKITT *Treble*	Miss JEAN M. BROOMFIELD 4
Miss MARY R. JAYCOCK 2	Miss FREDA D. MURKITT 5
Miss JOYCE HEARN ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

Rung on the birthday and as a compliment to Freda D. Murkitt, the first of Burnham's girls to go out of her 'teens.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. EDITH BASSETT...*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD 4
*MISS MARGARET PILBEAM 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 5
HERBERT J. HAMMOND... 3	ALBERT RELFE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Bassett and Albert Relfe.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE ...*Treble*	†EDWARD PROCTER ... 4
JAMES T. SKEATS 2	†JOHN A. STOREY 5
*JAMES W. METCALFE ... 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY... *Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*FRANCIS G. WILTON ...*Treble*	JOHN E. MANNERS ... 4
†ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 2	†RALPH SHAILES 5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 3	PETER ANGER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal (age 14). † First peal of Minor. For the wedding of Miss Mercia Booker (a local ringer) and Mr. N. Bowler.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM A. STOTE ...*Treble*	C. HENRY WEBB 4
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 2	*W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 5
*MARGARET D. REEVES... 3	†GEORGE GARDNER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Minor.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

Miss FREDA M. POOLE *Treble*	*ALBERT S. ATYEO 4
HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 2	*RONALD WHITE 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Carlisle, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, and College Exercise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

CECIL R. LONGHURST ...*Treble*	*ERNEST TREAGUS 4
LEONARD STILWELL ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.... *Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal on the bells since the addition of the new treble.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Gould 1, A. H. Coote 2, Miss B. J. Adlam 3, Miss D. V. Gould 4, M. J. Best (first of Major 'inside') 5, G. E. Evenden 6, A. J. Butler 7, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 4.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, J. A. Smith 3, A. Gravett (cond.) 4, W. Hargreaves 5, W. C. Hart 6, H W. Woolven 7, R. Sinden 8. First quarter for 1 and 8; first Grandsire 'inside' for 5 and 7.

CROYDON.—On Nov. 7th at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, W. Oatway 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, R. Davies 4, G. H. Humphries 5, H. G. Pratt 6, F. E. Collins 7, D. Cooper (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 2, 3, 5 and 6.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Bailey 1, W. Prosser 2, H. Castles 3, L. Hulbert 4, P. Yeomans 5, W. Heath 6, P. Jones 7, W. Dare (cond.) 8.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, P. Preston 3, P. Ball 4, F. C. Alvey (first 'inside') 5, H. Pailing (cond.) 6, R. A. Ward 7, W. Perkins 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, J. H. White 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 3, Squire Croft 4, A. Jones 5, F. A. Finch 6, D. R. Judd 7, E. C. S. Turner 8.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. War (first quarter) 1, S. Ansell 2, H. Scott 3, H. Weaver 4, R. P. Wood, jun. (cond.) 5, A. Baker 6. In memoriam Leonard Lewis.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At St. John's on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. Impey 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, R. A. Reed 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, F. Blondell 5, C. Chapman 6, F. Corke 7, A. R. G. Twinn (first of Bob Royal) 8, T. G. Bannister 9, W. H. Coles 10.

QUARTER PEALS

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Izzard 1, A. Ford 2, A. Waller 3, C. Prindiville 4, G. Hutchings 5, L. Turner 6, C. Izzard 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8. First quarter by local band since augmentation of bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Hickton 1, C. Geary 2, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 3, W. H. King 4, T. W. Robinson 5, J. C. Wiseman (first of Triples) 6, G. Rigby 7, H. Makins 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Rita Parker 1, W. H. Ashby 2, G. F. Roome 3, F. Burgess (cond.) 4, T. H. Loakes 5, W. Mawby 6, A. E. Sibley 7, F. Eyden 8. First quarter Triples by 1, 3, 6 and 8.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, tenor covering: J. Porteous 1, N. Sharpe, jun. (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Caldwell 3, Alex Scott 4, R. Ling (cond.) 5, R. W. M. Clauston 6, N. Sharpe 7.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On Nov. 20th, at All Saints', Hamor, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ian W. Taylor (15) 1, Beatrice Brierley 2, Marjorie Leach 3, J. A. Taylor 4, Allan Smith (cond.) 5, James Taylor 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 180 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Cheal 1, C. S. Jarrett 2, T. A. Cross 3, E. Naylor 4, W. J. Walker 5, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 6, F. G. Stevens 7.

SOLIHULL.—On Nov. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, C. Bragg 8, H. Bragg 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

SWAINSWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Jeans 1, D. Thorn (first quarter, age 11) 2, F. Jeans 3, E. Bath (cond.) 4, S. White 5, W. Toghill 6.

SWINDON.—On Nov. 14th at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, W. W. Daniell 3, F. J. Daniell 4, H. Bishop 5, S. Palmer 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, T. Townsend 8, G. Wells (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For the golden wedding of the ringer of the 6th.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, D. Gay 2, B. Latham 3, Miss Doris Shepperd (first 'inside') 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Shepperd.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Doris Shepperd 1, G. Latham 2, D. Gay 3, B. Latham 4, T. Price 5, T. Pritchard 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, R. Thain 8. A compliment to Mr. Samuel Underwood on completing 40 years as organist.

TAUNTON.—On Nov. 7th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hansford 1, H. Floyd 2, W. H. Tarr 3, C. Williams 4, F. Morris 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Simons 8.

UPAVON, WILTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Oakley 1, C. F. Haines 2, D. J. Kiddle 3, R. E. Turner (cond.) 4, A. F. Haines 5, J. Kiddle 6.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. T. Cornick 1, F. Crudge 2, G. Abbot 3, W. J. Chapman 4, J. Rose 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, J. Hart 8. First quarter by the band since the rehanging of the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Coles (first quarter) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, E. E. Holman 3, C. Finch (first 'inside') 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, C. E. Wilmington 6, H. Rumens (cond.) 7, F. Taylor 8.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Brake 1, Miss F. Poole 2, W. H. Poole 3, T. E. Marks 4, J. Pugh (first 'inside') 5, H. Gaylard 6, A. C. Jeanes 7, W. E. Turner 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, F. Brinson 10.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

The year 1948 is fast ebbing, there is barely another week left in which to send your subscriptions to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. Many new subscribers are joining the 'Ringing World' family with our January 7th issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank Warrington, of St. Ives, Hunts, for the Royal birth conducted 33,502 changes in Minor, Triples and Major in eight towers. Ringing time was 18 hours, 29 minutes, and the mileage he covered was 234. Of the seven peals attempted six were successful. Two quarter-peals were also rung. Is it a record? he asks.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, will, we are sure, receive many congratulations on her 200th peal.

There will be a delay of a few days in the dispatch of 'Ringing World' receipts through the volume of accountancy.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, has now called peals by 50 different composers embracing 173 different compositions, of which 112 were one-parts. He has conducted 238 peals.

John Noel Ames, who commenced ringing this year, has rung his first peal. He and Ronald Coldwell are the first two of the Snaith (Yorkshire) band to ring a peal.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who had the privilege of calling Mr. F. S. Wilson's first handbell peal, again officiated for his 100th peal at Ferndown on November 24th. Mr. J. Thomas also participated on both occasions. The trio had not rung together for 36 years.

Mr. Bowley, who rang the treble to his first peal at Copt Oak on November 12th, has been a regular service ringer at Copt Oak and Oaks-in-Charnwood for over 50 years. He rings single-handed, having lost his right hand many years ago.

The University of Bristol Society have made amends for the royal birth peal interrupted by the verger after ringing for 2 hours and 20 minutes. This was accomplished on Dec. 7th and was the first of Triples for the Society. There had been another attempt earlier which was lost through an omission in the calling.

To mark the 83rd birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones, the Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, a peal was rung at St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, on December 4th. Caerleon was chosen because it was there that Mr. Jones first learned to handle a bell and he is also an old Caerleon old boy. It is 60 years ago since the first peal was rung on Caerleon bells, and Mr. Jones was one of the ringers who took part on that occasion.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, will be broadcast in the West Regional programme on Sunday, January 2nd, between 9.25 and 9.35 a.m.

At a West Wales church an instructor was nonplussed when his pupil asked, 'Can I scratch my nose? It's itching.' Leaving the sally to its own devices, she scratched!

The peal of Bristol Surprise at Portsmouth on December 4th was the 300th peal together by Messrs. A. T. Greenwood and F. W. Rogers.

In the peal of Doubles at Accrington on October 30th the ringer of the 4th was R. Leigh, and of the tenor C. H. P. Johnson, and not vice versa as published.

The peal at Willesden on December 2nd is the first peal of Major to come round at hand-stroke. It was rung on the wedding anniversary of the composer, and the band wish it to be regarded as a welcome to Andrew John Corby. By ringing the sixth, Mr. Cutler has rung every bell in the tower to a different Surprise method this year.

An interesting if unorthodox way of producing changes on handbells was tried out at Burford, Oxon, on December 5th, when M. C. F. Collett, J. G. Collett and B. S. Nichols (conductor) 'lapped' a quarter-peal of Bob Minor. Writes the conductor: This can be very entertaining at a Christmas party and is something which can be used to show a non-ringer the actual 'movement' of a working bell.

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ROUND ENGLAND QUIZ.

1. Where is there a ring of ten, reputed to contain metal from the cannon of the Spanish Armada?
2. Where is there a ring of six with a public roadway underneath the tower?
3. Where is there a round church with a ring of eight?
4. Where is the ring of bells highest above sea level?
5. Where is there a ring of 6 in a Saxon tower so weak that the bells are supported on an internal girder tower?
6. Which parish church has two separate rings of bells?
7. Where is there a ring of twelve hung anticlockwise?
8. In which cathedral has one to walk the length of the triforium to get to the belfry?
9. Where is there a complete Saxon church in the same town as two rings of eight bells?
10. Where are there two churches in the same churchyard, one with tower in ruins used for services, the other with nave in ruins with a ring of bells?

HUNT THE PSALM.

In the following quotations from the Psalms, a word is omitted in each that is a ringing term. What are the missing words?

11. 'Incline thine ear unto me when I ——'
12. 'They had swallowed us up ——: when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.'
13. 'Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down; —— the mountains, and they shall smoke.'
14. 'O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end: but —— thou the just.'
15. 'And rejoiceth as a giant to run his ——'
16. 'And the Lord shall —— by them, and save them.'
17. A CODE. — Read the following message concerning bellringing.

sifecoalhtmodaweiebr
rtiepnclgilhstlicosi
hhfneggbaaoenvlodlid
saeeetrxcxatemihpfas
lnntoeiecnnsoweeahord

18. A DARTS PROBLEM. — A friend once gave me a problem. He had to arrange a fixture list for a league of twenty darts teams. The league met on nineteen evenings and played ten matches every evening. How can the fixtures be arranged so that every team plays every other during the nineteen evenings? Being a ringer, I could answer this. Can you show how to solve the problem for any even number of teams?
19. STEDMAN TRIPLES.—Eight friends of mine rang a plain course of Stedman Triples. The ropes fell in a circle, in order.

Jack was on John's left.
When Bob was in quick, John and Arthur were dodging in 4-5.
Pat was not opposite Bob, but Bob was opposite Arthur.
Tom and John were standing on either side of Arthur, and the three were all in the slow together.
Tony was on Bill's right.

Which bells were they ringing?

ANAGRAMS.

The following phrases with letters rearranged give the names of well-known methods or principles. What are they?

20. Stirring elder sap.
21. O crumb, Horatio, jocund wobbler.
22. But done damsels.
23. Tire in calor gas.
24. Strap errors biliously.
25. Blond robber exit room F.

MARITAL MUSINGS

INSPIRED BY THE MARRIED COUPLES' PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.—C. K. L.

For recipe of bliss conjugal,
In spite of bells or bugle,
To the ringers of a recent peal
Very humbly we appeal.

We, while on their words of wisdom wait,
Can among ourselves debate
Whether the famous couple Thomas
Discuss the peals they amass?

Does ringing thrill, as shades grow darker,
Those 'bright young people' Barker?
The Pooles, like bells in their true courses,
Do they too pool resources?

Do the Matthews in their forty winks
Go on ringing Stedman Cinques?
Or is it in the ménage Deal
First words are, 'How went the peal?'?

Does a true symmetrical round-block
Please or vex the couple Lock?
All, to put an end to our surmise,
Should ring a peal of 'spliced' Surprise.

'Toastscript.'

Do the Lewis's bill and coo
When for a peal they 'Have a go'?
Does loss of time restrict the urge
Now we have the 'Plain Bob Dirge'?

A happy Christmas to the lot,
Good fortune in New Year.
Here's one whose hoping for a tot
When occasion calls for cheer! D. 'C.' V.

A 25th ANNIVERSARY

An interesting anniversary was commemorated at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, by repeating a 35-method peal 25 years later.

The first 35-method peal was rung on the old six at Norbury on December 4th, 1923, by James Fernley, jun., John P. Fidler, William Fernley, Walter W. Wolstencroft, James Fernley, sen., and John W. Hartley, and the conductor was J. Fernley, sen. Messrs. James, jun., and William Fernley took part in the anniversary peal, and the band would like to associate the names of J. P. Fidler, W. W. Wolstencroft and J. W. Hartley with the peal, being the remaining survivors of the original band. The rest of the band was made up from that which rang the maximum number of Treble Bob Minor methods that can be spliced into seven extents (73) at Fairfield, Buxton, on June 12th, 1937. James Fernley, jun., and W. W. Wolstencroft also took part.

The first 35-method peal was a milestone in Minor ringing and laid the foundation for the advances which followed and culminated in the ringing of the 105-method peal by the Lincolnshire handbell band. It is a great pity that the booklet, 'Method Splicing,' by J. P. Fidler, is now no longer obtainable, as it is full of useful information. C.K.L.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edmunds 1, R. Elliot 2, M. Elliot 3, G. Roome 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5.

A Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT WALKER.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary by giving a dinner party at the Old Royal Hotel, Birmingham, on December 11th, which was attended by the members of their family and about thirty intimate ringing friends. Many messages of congratulation and goodwill were read out by the M.C. (Mr. J. F. Smallwood), and a very happy spirit pervaded the whole of the proceedings.

Mr. F. E. Haynes proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and spoke in very high praise of the splendid work which Mr. Walker had done in Birmingham, in which he had been so unselfishly supported by Mrs. Walker. He referred to the hospitality which they had extended to the many visitors who came to Birmingham, and to the many handbell peals which had been rung at their old residence in Baker Street. He felt sure that he was voicing the feelings of all present when he wished them continued happiness, and that they would be spared for many more happy years of married life.

Mr. W. Dowding and Mr. E. C. Shepherd added more words of congratulation.

In reply, Mr. Walker, in reminiscent mood, recalled many happenings, both during his courtship and married life, and expressed great pleasure at the presence that evening of one of the bridesmaids (Aunt Jane) who was at his wedding 50 years ago. He was sorry that, owing to the limitations of the times, he had been unable to secure a larger room and had been unable to invite all the friends whom he would have liked to come. He acknowledged that without the ungrudging help he had received from his wife he could not have done so much for ringing.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, on behalf of the company, then asked Mr. Walker to accept a travelling bag and Mrs. Walker to accept a bouquet as small tangible tokens of the esteem and affection in which they were held by all present. He also spoke in high terms of the good work done by them both, wishing them long life and continued happiness.

Mr. Walker, who was taken by surprise, expressed his thanks. A handbell peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in honour of the happy event, and a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,050 changes, at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On the following day there was a family gathering of 86. Mr. and Mrs. Walker received 12 telegrams, 24 letters and 40 golden wedding greeting cards. J. F. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH ANNUAL.

Over fifty members met at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, for the annual meeting of the branch on December 11th. Service was conducted by the Rector, Canon J. B. Goodliffe, who also presided at the meeting following tea. The Rector of Leckhampton was also present, and all towers except Swindon Village were represented. Many of the country members were able to enjoy ringing on a higher number than usual. Methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge, and there was much evidence of good progress during the year.

Mr. Thomas Boreham was elected chairman for 1949, the other officers being re-elected. An outing to be held in June, which the ladies are to be allowed to join in, and, if possible, a dinner in March, were agreed on, as also were meetings to be held at Prestbury, Alderton, Badgeworth and Charlton Kings, of which notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Five members had rung their first peal during the year and one his first as conductor. C. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pitch of Bells

Dear Sir,—When I came to Washfield in 1937 I found they had a nice ring of six bells, and according to the list in the belfry it gave the weights, the dates and the bell founders as follows:—

Tenor. 10 cwt. 2 lb. Mears, 1901.
No. 5. 8 cwt. W. Bilbie, 1787.
No. 4. 6 cwt. W. Bilbie, 1787.
No. 3. 5 cwt. 3 lb. Mears, 1901.
No. 2. 4 cwt. 20 lb. Mears, 1861.
Treble. 4 cwt. W. Bilbie, 1787.

The history from the records gives the explanation. In 1746 there were four bells; in 1787 a treble was added (all five by Bilbie). In 1861 No. 2 bell got cracked and was recast by Mears. In 1901 a new tenor was added, which necessitated No. 3 being recast and flattened a semitone.

Evidently Mears put their bells on the weighing machine. Bilbie gave a rough estimate.

The belfry list also showed the bells to be in the key of G, thus naming them G, A, B, C, D, E. Being curious, I thought I would check off. I tested them first with a set of handbells (Shaw's, of Bradford, made about a hundred years ago), which were concert pitch, for they harmonised with church organs and good pianos. I found the church bells were a semitone out, and the key was A flat. I checked off again with a Scout bugle and found the bells were really A flat.

On reading your leader on 'Pitch of Bells' and the interesting standards of vibrations, I wondered if we had got the correct pitch after all. At school we were taught physics, and our textbook said that 'what is vaguely referred to as concert pitch may be taken to represent C, the middle note of a piano, and has a vibration of 264 to the second.' Your leader says the B.B.C. pitch and the former English concert pitch is C+522. The lower octave C, the half of 522, would be 261 vibrations. There is not much in it, only three vibrations difference a second. I wonder how many have the ear to detect it.

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

B.B.C. TIME SIGNAL

Dear Sir,—Being at the moment out of touch with actual ringing, I would like to say how good it is to be able to keep up with the latest ringing news through your paper.

I was interested in Mr. Edwards' remarks on the speed of ten-bell striking. Bow bells were a heavy ring, of course, and I quite agree that they sound fine rung at the slow speed on the B.B.C. disc. At one time I was in the employ of the B.B.C., and one day I timed the Bow bell changes. They vary slightly, of course, but the speed is roughly 20 changes per minute, which would bring a peal of exactly 5,000 changes home in 4 hours and 10 minutes. It is a slow speed, indeed, but deeply effective on a ring of that weight.

May I say one word about six-bell ringing? I have rung in many six-bell towers, and, of course, speed always depends upon local tower and hanging conditions, but on the whole I like the six bells struck slowly, but, particularly Minor methods, very slowly, about 19 or 20 to the minute. I have in mind the six at Tredington in Warwickshire, an old ring recently rehung, with a tenor of 16¼ cwt. in E flat. Just about two years ago I heard a 720 of Plain Bob Minor rung there, at 17 changes to the minute. Those bells are out of tune, but the touch was very well struck and sounded quite magnificent. I should like to have heard the same touch transferred to a modern Simpson-tuned six in E flat.—Yours truly, D. STANLEY.

St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton.

Cracked Bells

Dear Sir,—Adverting to the subject of the above, I had a very unpleasant experience at Winchester Cathedral when a lad of 16 in the year 1891. I had operated the chiming apparatus for Sunday morning service. It was the practice to raise and lower the tenor, and when just over frame high I was startled to hear a very different sound coming from above. I only had a younger boy than myself with me in the tower, and we made a very hurried descent, to be met by the steeplekeeper with a very anxious inquiry as to what had happened to the tenor.

My experience of cracked bells being very limited, I could give no explanation as to the reason for the change of sound. An examination later on in the day revealed a crack nearly the whole length of the 32 cwt. bell. A representative from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank gave it as his opinion that the cracking was due to the wear by the clapper, and I think his view was the correct one.

It is of interest to note that this bell was cast by Mr. Richard Phelps in the year 1734 and had never been quarter turned. The records of the Dean and Chapter for that year (1734) show that 'all the bell metal belonging to the Cathedral Church was delivered to Mr. Richard Phelps, who undertook to make eight new musical bells of the weight of five tunns or thereabouts. The tone of the tenor to be D sol, agreeable to the tone of the organ in Saint Michaell's Church Cornhill in London.' It was this bell, after 157 years of faithful service, that gave me the fright of my life on that October Sunday morning, 1891.—Yours faithfully, CHARLES J. NORTH.

Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex.

Dear Sir,—I should like to support the statement of Mr. F. E. Collins in 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 10th. From our experience at the Croydon Foundry the great majority of cracked bells are obviously due to the old 'cast-in' crown staple and cannot therefore be attributed in any way to carelessness.

The remaining few appear mostly to be caused by 'clocking' which, although not necessarily carelessness, is certainly due to thoughtlessness.—Yours truly,

Croydon. FRED C. W. STEVENSON.

WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE?

Dear Sir,—Mr. Elkins, in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' has certainly hit on a most important point regarding speed in ringing. I wonder how many of us set out for ringing with a purpose other than just merely ringing.

Personally, I have frequently found it necessary in towers where I have had charge, particularly on Sunday mornings, to say, 'Make them sound cheerful; we have no funerals today.' Invariably my remark has the desired effect. It reminds the ringers that there is a purpose for which they are ringing.

I feel sure that if all ringers were to do their ringing in the same spirit the ringing would find its own speed automatically.

Of course, it is obvious if any particular ringer doesn't feel disposed to push a big 'un about on a Sunday morning—well, he should get the other end.—Yours faithfully,

Chatham. V. A. JARRETT.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: T. Beaumont 1, C. C. Bishop (first on eight) 2, Miss G. K. Jarrett (first quarter)3, S. T. Jarrett 4, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, C. S. Jarrett 7, T. A. Cross 8. Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mrs. F. Jarrett, mother of the ringers of 4 and 5 and grandmother of the ringers of 3 and 7.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE BENNETT.

One of the best-known authorities on Yorkshire towers, Mr. George Bennett, of Holy Trinity, Ossett, has passed away at the age of 52. The funeral was at Ossett on December 9th. After the last rites, handbells were rung at the graveside by four ringers of the local band. Fellow-ringers from various towers and the local band kept the muffled steeple bells ringing into the evening, closing with a quarter-peal of Bob Royal.

George Bennett was a pioneer one cannot afford to lose. He was unfortunate just at the period of peal accomplishments to be cut off by his breaking down in health. Commencing as a young ringer in late 1909, he was made a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1910 at the age of 14. His first peal was at the age of 18 at Ossett (Bob Major in 1914). His second was Grandsire Caters in 1914 at Wakefield Cathedral. During his war service of the 1914-18 Great War naturally he took part in various peals about the country, particularly in the Nottingham and Bedford districts—one at Cardington in November, 1918, as a thanksgiving for cessation of hostilities; also at Dublin and Bray. In 1922 he rang one at Horbury.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung at Ossett (in 1923) was conducted by him. He was also the main factor of Ossett's beautiful ring of 10 being installed in 1934, and conducted the first peal on the bells (Grandsire Caters in 1935). The active service of his war duties gradually caused his health to deteriorate, and from then on, although his keenness never faltered, he was unable to ring at his best. Always there for advice, he was an example to all.

MR. LEONARD HEAD

Mr. Leonard Head, who died on December 5th, had been a regular ringer at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, until his illness a year ago.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of 1,273 Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory by his fellow-ringers: J. H. Conquest 1, Miss V. Willard 2, H. B. Witney 3, W. Jeffs 4, F. Plummer 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, W. Insley 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Leigh on December 4th. It was very well attended, most of the towers being represented as well as friends from Cheltenham, Bishop's Cleeve, Norton and Prestbury. Officers elected for the ensuing year were Group Capt. Lister, chairman; Mr. E. T. Newbury, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Poulton, representative on General Committee. Three new performing members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tirley. A very excellent tea was served in the schoolroom. The service was conducted by the Rev. K. Prosser-Evans, who also presided at the business meeting. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise.

MR. F. S. WILSON'S 100 PEALS

Fifty years after ringing his first touch Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Lilliput, Dorset, rang his 100th peal on November 24th. His list is appended:—

Tower bells: Grandsire Doubles 2, Plain Bob Minor 2, Plain Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 20, Grandsire Caters 5, Stedman Triples 7, Stedman Caters 2; total, 43.

Handbells: Grandsire Doubles 7, Grandsire Triples 41, Grandsire Caters 5, Stedman Triples 4; total, 100.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob and one extent of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ALFRED J. NORTH	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
*ALFRED C. HARRIS ...	2	EDGAR W. WINTERS ...	5
*LEWIS R. RUNNACLES...	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal in five methods. In memoriam Mrs. K. I. Amos.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents.

*WILLIAM T. HILL	*Treble*	†HERMON J. OLIVER ...	4
*HENRY J. ALLBERRY ...	2	GERALD FROST	5
HENRY T. WILSON ...	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung to mark the first anniverary of the opening of these bells.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

CECIL HINTON ...	*Treble*	*SIDNEY DANIELS	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	2	VICTOR A. PERRY ...	5
*ALBERT H. HINTON ...	3	WILLIAM YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.
* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells since September 22nd, 1928.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK TURRELL	*Treble*	BASIL WHITE	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ...	5
ERNEST J. KING	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED J. BATTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD...	4
†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ...	5
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 75th peal. A farewell peal to A. J. Lancefield, who sailed for New Zealand on December 4th.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*ROYSTON PURCHASE	*Treble*	†JAMES BROOKS	4
†RUTH TABRAHAM	2	WILLIAM BUTLER	5
‡ROGER POSNETT	3	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First in three methods 'inside.' First as conductor.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 7 different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY COMMINS ...	*Treble*	SIGM. GORDON WALFORD	4
*RAYMOND WINTER ...	2	ARTHUR H. REED	5
CLAUDE TARR	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal of Minor.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*HAROLD J. PESKETT	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	4
†HENRY C. WEAVER ...	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	BRIAN D. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 35 methods spliced into seven extents: (1) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (2) Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wraghy and Braintree Delight; (6) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ...	*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	4
JAMES FERNLEY	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Fifty-five changes of method. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the first 35-method peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT 18, MANCHESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*AUDREY B. DISERENS ...	1-2	ALBERT M. TYLER	5-6
†NOEL J. DISERENS ...	3-4	ALBERT DISERENS	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Audrey Diserens. Tenor size 15 in C.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE	5-6
JILL POOLE	3-4	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	7-8
PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	9-10		

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: MRS. H. J. POOLE. Tenor size 15 in C.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

RONALD H. BULLEN	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4	*MISS MARION GRAIN ...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.
* First peal on handbells. First peal of Major as conductor.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

RONALD H. BULLEN	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
A farewell to Owen A. Needham, who is leaving Ely to reside near Lincoln. Tenor size 15 in C.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT 17, ORTON GROVE, PENN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	1-2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	3-4
		*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	5-6

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal on handbells. Seven different extents.

Christmas Greetings

To all our friends. Best wishes for your happiness this Christmastide and throughout the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 4513

Christmas Greetings to all ringing friends, both old and new, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

To all brothers and sisters of the belfry, old friends and new, we send Greetings for Christmas and the coming year.—ST. MARGARET'S, Barking, Essex. 4510

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all my ringing friends.—Charles J. NORTH, Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex. 4511

A Happy Christmas and a 'snatching' New Year to Alan, Alec, Barbara, Betty, Bill, David, Eric, George, Gerald, Gordon, 'Jock,' Jack, Norman, Peggy, Roger, both Toms and Tony.—From 'THE OTHER ONE.' 4515

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. 4508

My thanks and best wishes to all in the towers I have rung in this year. From each I have gained something. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Charles ROUSE, Cheltenham. 4507

To all my ringing friends, far and near, the joys of a Happy Christmas, and may God be with you all throughout the New Year.—Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 4506

The RINGERS of Walkden Parish Church extend to Messrs. John Potter and John Denner, who have been ringing together for 60 years, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 4505

Many happy memories of the past and pleasant anticipation for the future to all my ringing friends, old and new.—Ronald H. BULLEN, Ely Cambs. 4502

Congratulations on completing fifty years of bellringing and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Mr. George Heley, of Dunstable, from all at ST. GILES', Totternhoe.—J.S. 4501

Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, especially the Grimsby District.—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. MINGAY, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack BRAY. 4517

A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all friends is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, Royal Grammar School, Guildford. 4494

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—W. D. (Bill) ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Dog Village, Broadclyst, Devon. 4493

The Season's Greetings to all.—Mr. and Mrs. John P. FIDLER, Loughborough. 4490

Seasonal greetings to all members of Gloucester and Bristol Association and ringing friends everywhere.—W. B. and M. KYNASTON, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 4491

Best Christmas and New Year Wishes to all ringing friends and correspondents, with cordial thanks for their help in 1948.—Andrew J. CORRIGAN, Bitton. 4498

Christmas Greetings to Jimmy Fleetwood, Royal Engineers, Singapore: John Armstrong, R.A.S.C., Germany; and Reginald Funnell, R.A.F., Norfolk.—Joyce and Dulcie FLEETWOOD, ringers of SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, Essex. 4489

To all bellringers our Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—HOLY TRINITY BELLRINGERS ASSOCIATION, Hobart, Tasmania.

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE.

Hearty Good Wishes and Happy Remembrances for Christmas and the New Year to all.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. HUGHES, 14, Robert Street, Bangor. 4467

Wishing all ringing friends a very Happy Christmas.—Hubert HATTO, 100, Greys Hill, Henley-on-Thames. 4522

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ringing friends in Ireland and across the sea.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. DUKES, Jenkinstown, Dundalk, Ireland. 4521

To the ringers of Holy Trinity tower, Guildford, a Merry Christmas and a New Year free from worrying women.—From the members of the Southern District of the LADIES' GUILD.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year to all ringers and friends.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 4540

With all Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. George R. NEWTON. 4532

Hearty Christmas Greetings and every Good Wish for a year of happy days to all ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and MARGARET, Tunbridge Wells. 4533

Best Christmas Wishes and Greetings for the New Year to all members of the Dudley Guild and many other ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. COLCLOUGH, Bilston. 4536

To all ringers and friends near and far, our Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for 1949.—Mr. and Mrs. R. LATHBURY and NORA, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year.—C. H. WEBB, 68, Brownshill Green Road, Coventry. 4539

Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE send heartiest Christmas Greetings and all Good Wishes for 1949 to all ringing friends everywhere.—80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5. 4541

To all my ringing friends far and near I send Hearty Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—Frederick WHITE, 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 4543

To all my ringing friends, Kind Thoughts and Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 4545

Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year to all members.—Franklin D. RICKARDS, ex-Sec., Glastonbury Deanery, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Somerset. 4547

Greetings for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 4546

Christmas and New Year Greetings to friends home and overseas.—T. G. MYERS, Plymouth, Devon. 4549

To all loyal Sunday service ringers, particularly those 'teenagers in so many towers, Best Wishes for perfect harmony and striking.—George GILBERT, Burnham, Bucks. 4550

As it is impossible to meet all friends, I take this opportunity of wishing them a Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year.—Wm. T. ELSON, Fulham, S.W.6. 4551

Christmas Greetings to all ringing friends, especially those who have now a new companion in the Ringers' Notebook and Diary.—W. VIGGERS and M. HODGSON. 4552

Hearty Greetings for Christmas and the new Year to all ringing friends—Good Health, Good Luck and Good Striking.—Don MEARS, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin. 4557

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. 4556

Christmas Greetings, with hopes for a Prosperous New Year to all Royal Cumberland Youths, members of the Hertford County Association and all ringing friends.—Walter Ayre. 4555

Christmas and New Year Greetings. Best Wishes to all ringer friends, especially members of Beverley and District Ringing Society.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. SELLERS, 3, Elwelf Avenue, Beverley. 4553

Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas to all my ringing friends, especially in the Guildford and Windsor districts.—Norman V. HARDING, Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 4560

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members and friends.—A. B. PECK, Sec., College Youths. 4562

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARDS.

On December 11th upwards of 45 members of the society from Doncaster, Arksey, Fishlake, Bentley, Goole, Hatfield, Sprotborough and the local company met at a special meeting held at Thorne Parish Church for the ceremony of the dedication of two peal boards in the belfry.

The eight bells (tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.) were rung up in peal, and during the afternoon excellent touches of Grandsire Triples, Little Bob Major, Double Norwich C.B. Major and Plain Bob were rung. At 4.15 the Vicar, the Rev. C. Weaver, dedicated the two peal boards in the belfry, following which the whole of the members in attendance attended divine service in the church.

During the singing of Psalm 150 an excellent course of Grandsire Triples was rung near the chancel steps by J. Martin Thorley 1-2, James Thorley 3-4, E. Cooper 5-6, and Ernest J. Padget 7-8.

The Vicar gave a short address and, after welcoming the members present, paid high tribute to the Thorne ringers who, he said, were not only expert ringers but were most regular attenders at the church. Tea was served in the Institute, provided generously by wives of the local ringers and lady helpers.

Mr. E. Cooper (Arksey) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his welcome to the ringers present, also to the lady helpers. Mr. C. W. King (Goole) seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

Good use was made of the bells until 9 p.m. Methods rung during the evening included Double Norwich C.B. Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Oxford Bob Triples, Stedman, and a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major. Four peals are inscribed on the two boards, being 5,040 Stedman Triples, 5,056 Bob Major, 5,040 Grandsire Triples and 5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major.

L. M. W.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery, held at Wrington on December 4th, was attended by visitors from Mark, Worle, Chilcompton, Locking, Marksbury, Guildford, Bath and Bristol, and members from most of the affiliated towers. All retiring officers were re-elected en bloc.

The January Corporate Communion will be held at Long Ashton, and the monthly ringing practices were fixed for Tickenham, Barrow Gurney and Butcombe with Nempnett Thrubwell. The quarterly business meeting in April is to be at Chew Magna.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Jan. 1st, 3 p.m. Ringing St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 4561

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) from 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d. each) for all who notify Mr. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole, by Dec. 28th.— H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4496

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, January 1st, commencing at 6.15 prompt. St. Martin's bells (12) will be available for one hour (5 to 6 p.m.).—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4495

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst (8), Jan. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Dec. 29th to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 4503

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Wolstanton, Saturday, Jan. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Aldersea, Kenley, 201, Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4512

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual district meeting, Winchester, Jan. 1st. Cathedral bells 2-3 and 6.30 to 7.30; St. Maurice's, 2-8. Service St. Maurice's Church 3.30. Meeting Dumpers' Restaurant 4.30. Tea afterwards (2s. 3d. per head). Names by Dec. 29th to Rev. J. S. D. Mansell, College Street, Winchester. 4529

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 1st, St. James', City. Usual arrangements. Business and presentation 5.45 approximately. Please book teas by Dec. 30th to Branch Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2. 4558

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—St. Marie's afternoon, Cathedral evening, Jan. 1st, 3. Teas available British Restaurant and cafes.—Herbert O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8. 4524

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly, Jan. 1st. Tea 3. Names by Dec. 29th to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4527

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, East Haddon (6), Jan. 1st. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Dec. 28th. Good attendance, please. 4563

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual, Ross, Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting, Central Cafe 4.30. Names for tea to W. Poston, Walford Road, Ross. 4520

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 8th, Co-operative Hall, Burbage. Bells available 3. Dinner 6, tickets 6s. each. Late buses to all parts of district, fare 1s. Names and remittance, including bus fare, to Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley, by Jan. 4th. 4525

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting Braintree (8), Sat., Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business afterwards in Church Hall.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4526

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Barking. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 12th, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4528

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Sat., Jan. 8th.— Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. W. Foreman, Waterlock, Wingham, Canterbury, not later than Wed., Jan. 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4534

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Brandon, Jan. 8th, 3. Tea 5.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 4535

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery.—Annual meeting, Honiton Clyst, Jan. 8th. Service 4. Tea 4.30 for those who notify by Jan. 5th.—B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 4542

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 8th, Guildford. Further details later. 4554

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, St. Mary's (10), 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names to T. V. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham, by Jan. 4th. 4559

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Combined practice will be held at Dartford on the second Thursday in each month, 7.30 to 9, commencing January 13th. 13th. Come and make your requirements known.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4531

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8), Saturday, January 15th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 12th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4519

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The bells of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ormskirk, will be dedicated on Jan. 15th. Details later. 4537

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Meavy, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Jan. 10th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4548

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Reunion Dinner and Ringing Afternoon, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Details later. Will all old members please contact the secretary, E. Mary Bliss, 4, Arlington Mansions, Clifton, Bristol 8? 4509

QUARTER PEALS

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 240 London Surprise Minor: G. Wall 1, F. Armstrong 2, C. Lamb 3, J. Lishman 5, S. Thompson, sen., 5, T. Dodd (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. Lamb to Miss Joyce Lowdon.

BLANKNEY, LINCS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Wiseman (11) 1, Jean Wiseman (13) 2, Evelyn Wright (15) 3, J. Moore 4, R. E. Manton (cond.) 5, John King (17) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A farewell to the Rev. L. A. Matthews.

BRIGHTON.— At St. Peter's on Dec. 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Whitehead 1, F. I. Hairs 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, M. Thomas 4, F. Page 5, J. Capp 6, F. Bennett (cond.) 7, W. Hard 8, H. Stalham 9, F. Pullman 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1, 3, 4 and 10.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Bob Major: S. Ansell (first of Major) 1, E. Rapley 2, R. Wood 3, H. Weaver 4, C. Longhurst 5, H. Wood 6, C. Wood 7, R. Wood, jun. (cond.) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist on Dec. 5th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. Razzell 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. Parks 3, R. Davies 4, R. Abbott 5, W. Oatway 6, D. Cooper 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, G. H. Humphries 10. First of Stedman Caters by 1 and 5.

HERTFORD.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Carter 1, R. Dore 2, C. Sjringham 3, J. Page (first on eight) 4, V. Neale (cond.) 5, A. Wright 6, S. Carter 7, P. Saunders 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging.

MONMOUTH.—On Nov. 19th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading throughout): W. J. Price 1, K. Goodwin (first quarter) 2, L. H. Jones 3, A. Goodwin 4, S. Goodwin 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6, H. T. Castree 7.

READING.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Diserens 1, Miss A. Diserens 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, N. Diserens 4, W. Maxted 5, J. Taylor 6, P. Dyte 7, A. Sweetzer 8. In memoriam W. Evans, local ringer, killed on the railway.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. C. Williams (first of Minor) 1, F. D. Teague (first of Minor 'inside') 2, E. V. Williams 3, H. Miles 4, R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, A. J. Webster 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—At St. Mary's on Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. S. Peacock 1, S. W. Hawksford 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, S. Gilbtrt 4, H. Fields 5, F. W. Lack 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, R. Barnes 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 28th 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. D. Prockson (first quarter Caters) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, J. G. Nash 3, W. J. Bowden 4, S. G. Peck 5, A. H. Russell (first 'inside') 6, W. A. Theobald 7, H. Miller 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ridyard 1, J. J. Jackson 2, Miss Margaret E. Ridyard 3, Miss Vera Draper (first in method) 4, F. Everitt 5, R. Kenrick 6, J. Ridyard (cond.) 7, E. Trickett 8.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Kent Major: G. Jeffs, jun., 1, P. Clapman 2, G. Watson (cond.) 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Orland 5, W. Copperwheat 6, H. Richardson 7, W. Whitmore 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. E. Alderman, a local ringer.

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IMITATION, BUT . . .

FROM Australia House we have received information this week of how the news of the birth of the Royal Prince was heralded at Melbourne by an electronic carillon operating from Melbourne Town Hall. This was relayed by Radio Australia, and the so-called 'peals' were recorded by the B.B.C. and later rebroadcast from London. Without hesitation we state that we are appalled at the prostitution of one of the characteristic English arts. Immediately mechanisation steps in the individual skill departs and the public is led to believe that the imitation provided is the real thing.

Here are some of the details of the Melbourne electronic carillon: Patriotic and popular melodies were played on the bells by Professor B. Heinze, Ormond Professor of Music at the University, and were clearly audible for a distance of nine miles. A similar instrument was also in use in other Australian capitals to spread the news of the Royal birth and replace the conventional ring of bells. Its musically-exact notes render it suitable for playing tunes in addition to performing change ringing. The musical range covered is one and a half octaves (C to F, including half-tones), enabling most pieces of music to be played. Volume is completely under control at all times and can be varied to compensate for differing conditions of wind and weather.

The 18-note tubular-bell console was invented by Mr. J. E. Benson, an engineer of Sydney, and was made by Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Ltd., from Australian materials. Its height is framed by that of its longest tube, 5ft. 3in., and it has an elevated stool to permit the player to reach the keyboard comfortably.

Main features of the tubular-bell apparatus, writes Charles Lynch, are hammer handles of §in. hardwood, roller rod bearings of cast metal, adjustable buffer pads, hammer heads, suspended tubular bells, damper bar and microphone for amplifying effects. An interesting feature is the design of the striking mallets which are constructed of laminated cowhide for the special purpose for which they are required in the instrument. The 18 mallets in the console strike the bells; the sound is picked up by the microphone, and the usual apparatus amplifies the melody.

These carillons have already been installed in several Australian churches, including St. John's Church of England, Launceston and Hoskins Presbyterian Church, Lithgow, New South Wales. So far we have not noticed in 'The Ringing Towers,' the magazine of the New South Wales Association, any reference to this serious threat to change ringing in that State. There is no question that real progress in the art of change ringing is being made at St. Jude's, Randwick, All Saints', Parramatta, and St. James', Turramurra. A vigorous ringing society exists at Holy Trinity, Hobart, and St. Peter's, Adelaide, have been strengthened by the return of one of their ringers, Robin Groove, from England, where he gained experience in many English towers. Change ringers cannot but regard the electronic carillon as a threat to ringing as we know it. The English ringers who toured Australia rang a number of peals including one at Melbourne Cathedral.

TEN BELL PEALS

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	6
FRANK TAYLOR	2	†ERNEST BRITTAIN ...	7
*DONOVAN R. WHITE ...	3	JOHN G. AMES	8
*AUBREY D. MILLS ...	4	*JACK PETCH	9
HAROLD BARSLEY ...	5	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM ...	6
*MISS AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON...	7
ARTHUR DAY	3	STANLEY A. CARTER ...	8
†JOHN ALLSOP	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	9
ALAN WHITE	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method and first peal on ten bells.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

CHARLES J. NORRIS	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS...	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
*JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ...	3	BENJAMIN J. BAKER ...	8
THOMAS E. SONE	4	T. MARK WHITE	9
*REGINALD L. SILLS ...	5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First on ten bells.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 40 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Treble*	*WALTER H. POOLE ...	6
ARTHUR H. REED ...	2	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	7
*RONALD H. HAYWARD...	3	HENRY J. SANGER ...	8
†HENRY G. KEELEY ...	4	*THOMAS J. SETTER ...	9
*WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS JUNE HENSHAW	*Treble*	CHARLES W. LAWTON...	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	6
ALLAN A. POTTS	3	*N. MEAKIN	7
MRS. E. M. P. LAWTON	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALLAN A. POTTS.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt. in E flat.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM PACKER	5
*ERNEST H. JONES ...	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	JACK DAFTERS	7
*SYDNEY W. BALL	4	†PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* First peal. † 200th peal for the Association. A 21st birthday peal for the ringer of the 5th and a welcome to Andrew John Corby, born November 27th, 1948.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON...	*Treble*	MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ...	5
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	2	†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JAMES F. CLARKE ...	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	4	*JAMES A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 75th peal each and 30th together. † First peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

WALTER SPARROW ...	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	5
FRANK BLONDELL	2	*FRANK C. PRICE	6
REGINALD LATHBURY ...	3	RICHARD E. PRICE ...	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First 8-bell peal.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN S. WALTON	5
*VINCENT A. HEMMING	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	4	THOMAS ABBOTTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* 25th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRISTOL.
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Tues., Dec. 7, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS (CITY),
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*LANCE C. I. WATSON	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN	5
†MARY I. KENNELLY' ...	2	†NORMAN PURNELL ...	6
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON	3	JACK R. WORRALL ...	7
IVOR H. TRUEMAN ...	4	†ERIC G. TAYLOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples for the society by a resident band.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	5
THOMAS W. CROWE ...	2	JOHN A. BROWN	6
*H. STANLEY GRISDALE...	3	ADAM DEAS	7
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 7, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK ORRISS	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	5
EDWARD E. DAVEY ...	2	*ARTHUR G. BUTTON ...	6
GEORGE W. MOSS ...	3	HORACE A. WRIGHT ...	7
RONALD G. BUGG ...	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 8, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES L. WRIGHT ...	*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	5
MISS MURIEL REAY ...	2	THOMAS MARSHALL ...	6
JOHN ASHCROFT	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ...	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	*Tenor*

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

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 8, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FLORRIE WYMAN ... ...*Treble*	*ERIC T. LEE 5
*OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	*HAROLD A. MAY 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... *Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and as conductor. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. WHITING ...*Treble*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE... ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... *Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* 100th peal on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E flat.

*S. GEORGE HUTCHINGS *Treble*	*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS... 5
*WALTER S. IZZARD ... 2	*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 6
E. PEARL INSKIP 3	*LEONARD TURNER ... 7
*ALFRED L. FORD... ... 4	ERNEST FREEMAN ... *Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST FREEMAN.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

PEGGY G. KITCHEN ...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 5
*BARBARA M. HARRIS ... 2	*G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	ERIC T. LEE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Triples in the method. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of Birmingham, on their golden wedding.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
IN THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHARLES A. EELE ...*Treble*	CHARLES W. MORTIMER 5
VIOLET N. CASTLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 6
JOAN A. RANCE 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 7
*LEONARD BUNE 4	*ERNEST ALLUM ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.
* First peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

CLEMENT GLENN ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 5
SIDNEY PROCTOR 2	JOHN CRAGG 6
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 3	*H. REGINALD WOODS ... 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4	THOMAS H. HALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Triples and first in the method.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

EDWARD BARKER ... ...*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	ARTHUR ROLFE 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
FRED WIGMORE 4	TONY PRICE ... ... *Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by TONY PRICE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,344 London, 1,344 Rutland, 1,056 Bristol, 448 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 155 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. FINCH ...*Treble*	*ALICK CUTLER 5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
†THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
PHILIP A. CORBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... *Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal of six methods spliced. † First peal in these six methods.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	WILLIAM PROCTOR ... 6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 3	*CHARLES CLEGG 7
PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 4	ROGER LEIGH ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the bells.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

ANDREW J. CORRIGAN *Treble*	BETTY SPICE 5
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON 2	JACK R. WORRALL ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7
*PETER T. ROBBINS ... 4	†LEONARD DERRICK ... *Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of major in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
MISS NANCY P. BIRKS ... 2	HENRY O. BAKER 6
JOHN W. BEST 3	HARRY PYE 7
FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD *Tenor*

Composed by E. S. POWELL. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

GEORGE GARDNER ...*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	*JAMES DRAYCOTT 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON *Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
In seven methods, being 736 each of Cambridge, Aldenham, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, and Belgrave, 448 Ramsey, and 1,024 Rutland, with 160 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

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

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise in seven methods, by all the band, by the Guild and on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

HARRY J. HALL	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	4
*FREDK. W. MIDDLETON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
ERNEST G. SHORTING...	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in four Minor methods 'inside.' A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick W. Middleton.

IGHTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ROGER J. STROOD	*Treble*	SYDNEY WHITEWAY ...	4
EDNA M. SILLS	2	†SIDNEY S. KING	5
ANTHONY V. KEMP ...	3	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (2 April Day, 10 Plain Bob, 30 Grandsire). Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALAN CHARMAN	*Treble*	DAVID SLEET	4
FRANK UWINS	2	ROY COLLINS	5
*GEORGE OLIVER	3	ALFRED E. BOYLETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SLEET.
* First peal. First peal in three methods by all the band.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES W. KING ...	*Treble*	JACK WAUD	4
*JOHN NOEL ARMES ...	2	*RONALD COLDWELL ...	5
GEORGE WAUD	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal.

PILTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Bob, Canterbury, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE SUGG	*Treble*	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
A. GEORGE CLARE	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's.

FREDERICK MANSER ...	*Treble*	TOM SAUNDERS	4
WILLIAM MANSER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	5
ALBERT KELVIE	3	LEWIS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	*Treble*	†A. LENNARD SHEPHERD	4
†ANDREW J. H. SCOTT...	2	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	5
*ERNEST T. CARVELL ...	3	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. A 15th birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 5, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 9 extents each of Grandsire and April Day and 12 extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. W. C. BLYTHE (R.A.F.)	*Treble*	STANLEY GILBERT	4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...	2	*D. SANDERSON (R.A.F.)	5
FRANK WARRINGTON ...	3	OLIVER NORMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK SANDERSON.
* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW C. SINFIELD.
* 75th peal together. A. C. Sinfield's 100th peal.

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*KENNETH PECK	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
WM. A. R. CHAMBERLAIN	2	HERBERT FIELDS	5
STANLEY GILBERT	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. BUTLER ...	*Treble*	CYRIL A. BURGESS	4
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK ...	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	5
DAVID H. PEARCE ...	3	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First in seven methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the back six.

OXTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN TAYLOR	*Treble*	W. GEORGE COOK	4
DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	LEONARD A. TIDY ...	5
JOHN O. WELLER	3	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of London Surprise, two 720's of Norwich Surprise, and three 720's of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALAN PAYNE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	4
MISS C. DUNNINGTON ...	2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON...	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ...	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. BARKER...	*Treble*	†NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	4
JOHN G. NASH	2	*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
*BERNARD J. WILLIS ...	3	JAMES BULLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal in method as conductor.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Scott 1, J. L. Glyde 2, E. F. Brooks 3, M. Poole 4, C. H. Lathey 5, T. Gunning 6, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 7, H. G. Grabb 8.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss Brenda Philpott 1, J. Walter 2, C. E. Buesden 3, W. F. Jenkins (first in method) 4, F. R. Weller (first in method as cond.) 5, B. J. Luck 6, S. Walter 7, T. Holmes 8, G. R. French 9, H. R. French 10.

HILLINGDON, WEST MIDDX.—At St. Andrew's Church on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Hancox 1, T. G. Bannister 2, P. Jones 3, S. Childs 4, F. Corke 5, W. Honor 6, H. W. Impey (first in method as cond.) 7, S. Humphrey 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Coot 1, G. Purves 2, Miss A. Wren 3, R. Newson 4, L. Coborn 5, A. Day (cond.) 6, F. Jacklin 7, W. Tame 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, quarter-peal Doubles, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire. W. J. Gait (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, Mrs. J. Naish 3, J. Naish 4, J. Brooks 5, Miss A. Wareham 6.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Gardner 1, H. S. Arbin 2, T. Pink 3, W. Vince 4, C. W. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Herbert 6, J. W. Langley 7, J. Pearl 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Evans 1, A. Blaby 2, R. Biggs 3, J. Kape 4, A. Cox (first as cond.) 5, Miss A. Smith 6, D. Cox 7, B. Kape 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Hebborn 1, S. Harrison 2, W. H. Clarke (cond.) 3, J. C. Deacon 4, T. Thornber 5, S. A. Jesson (first quarter) 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Keeley 1, E. C. Tett (first of Major) 2, Rev. C. C. Cox 3, S. H. Green 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At St. Peter's Church on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. S. Pickford 1, Miss J. M. Henshaw 2, B. Corbishley 3, H. C. Lonyon (first as cond.) 4, W. E. Mashiter 5, Stanley Naden (first quarter) 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles.—Miss P. Warren 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, H. A. May (cond.) 3, J. A. Etherington 4, G. L. Grover 5, J. Gould 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Coles (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lofty (first quarter) 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, G. Spencer 4, T. J. Lock (cond.) 5, W. A. Southam 6, T. J. Southam 7, A. R. Lawrence 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fletcher 1, H. Hill 2, B. Grice 3, T. Townsend 4, W. Davies 5, F. Meadows 6, Swallow (cond.) 7, E. Fletcher 8. A farewell to the ringer of the sixth and P. Hindmarsh, both local ringers, who are leaving for Canada.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 5th at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. J. Brierley 1, C. M. Trist 2, K. Higgins 3, M. E. H. Barrow 4, D. Gallop 5, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 30th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Bould 1, P. Westwood 2, A. S. Weatherly 3, G. H. Myers 4, J. H. Tippett 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, R. J. Stone 7, R. A. Southwood 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, D. F. Wheeler 10. First on 10 bells 1 and 2, first Grandsire Caters 7 and 8.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,344 Bob Major: E. W. Thurlow (first in method) 1, Valerie Willard 2, H. E. Punt (first in method 'inside') 3, F. G. Robbins 4, R. Wilkinson 5, J. W. H. Crabbe 6, T. Collins 7, W. N. Genna (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. James George by the ringers of his birthplace.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Bob Royal: C. H. Godfrey (first quarter) 1, B. Sadler 2, W. May 3, P. Sadler 4, D. Coombes 5, J. Belcham 6, F. May 7, F. Souter 8, G. Frost 9, R. Brown (cond.) 10.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Stedman Caters: A. H. Pulling 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, J. Thomas (cond.) 4, W. B. Young 5, E. Hendley 6, H. Baverstock 7, R. True 8, W. Houlton 9, E. Roper 10.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Fisher 1, Brenda Hutchinson 2, Maureen Gooing 3, Edgar Liversedge 4, G. Lee 5, A. Firth 6, P. E. North (cond.) 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

RISHTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Johnson 1, G. Harwood 2, A. Tomlinson 3, A. Yates 4, H. Corser 5, W. Procter 6, L. J. Williams (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. First in method by 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 5th at Christ Church, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, R. G. Townsend 3, G. W. Townsend 4, A. G. Wells (first in method) 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, E. J. Berry 7, T. Townsend 8.

ST. BREOCK, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: A. H. Epplett 1, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 2, R. G. Cross (cond.) 3, F. D. Teague 4, A. J. Webster 5, J. C. Northey 6. First length by 1 and 6 and of Bob Doubles by all the band. First quarter on the bells.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.—On Dec. 4th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. Scudamore 1, Miss Collier 2, M. Jenkins 3, C. H. Hawkins 4, T. Griffiths 5, D. Curtis 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, L. Curtis 8.

WATFORD.—At St. Mary's on Dec. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Dawes 1, W. G. Paul 2, H. G. Timms 3, S. H. Hoare 4, A. W. Dix 5, R. G. Bell 6, F. H. Crook 7, G. Seaman (first as cond. and for his 18th birthday) 8.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

The year 1948 is fast ebbing, there are only a few hours left in which to send your subscriptions to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. Many new subscribers are joining the 'Ringing World' family with our January 7th issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. J. Fowler, foreman of Holy Trinity, Cookham, and Branch Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and his tenor man, Mr. W. Ing, completed 50 years' service in Cookham Church choir on December 18th. In honour of their long service to the church, they were entertained to dinner on Dec. 14th and each presented with a Westminster chimes clock suitably inscribed.

Fourteen-year-old Andrew Scott and Mr. A. L. Shepherd are the first Eastham (Cheshire) ringers to score a peal since 1896.

The anniversary of the King's Accession was the purport of peals rung at Boston, Hertford, Burnham and Wood Green.

In Kewsett's Christmas Quiz the last line of the code, Question 17, should read: 'Inntoeicnnsoweeahord.'

'Erin' was the tenth Triples method in which Mr. Percy Swindley, of Chester, has rung a peal. This was rung at Chester on December 11th.

Errata.—With reference to the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Surfleet on November 27th, it was the 50th peal by Mr. Cyril Wander and not Mr. Frank Dewey. The latter has 86 peals to his credit.

Patrol Leader Marion Davies, of the 1st Sidmouth Company Girl Guides, writes about her ringing in 'The Guide.' She had a quarter of Grandsire Triples to her credit last October, and wonders whether there are any other Guide bellringers.

Ambiguity in punctuation led to the footnote of the officers' peal of the Yorkshire Association, rung at Batley, and published in our last issue, reading that it was Mr. L. W. G. Morris' 200th peal and 100th as conductor. He has rung nearer 500 peals. The 200 peals refer to his performances for the Association, which he has served with such faithfulness during his 22 years' membership.

Caught in a downpour on his way by motor-cycle to ring a peal at Puckington, Somerset, Mr. Harry J. Gaylard had his trousers soaked. The Vicar, on hearing of his plight, offered him the loan of a pair of his trousers. The offer was gratefully accepted and a good and comfortable peal was rung.

The peal at Eynesbury, Hunts, was intended for November 18th for the royal birth, but was postponed owing to illness near the church.

Chester Guild are in the news with 10,080 Bristol Surprise Major rung at Over in 6 hours 17 minutes.

Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield's 100th peal was rung at Maulden, Beds, where his father has been churchwarden for 47 years. It was also a birthday compliment to him.

Long Buckby, Northants, ringers believe that the quarter-peal they rang on November 17th for the royal birth was the first by an entirely local band.

Will those who have rung 40 or more peals during 1948 please send the following particulars: Number rung in tower and hand and number conducted.

We feel sure that London ringers will welcome Mr. R. Ling, of Paisley, who has accepted an appointment in the Metropolis. Before leaving he conducted on December 19th a farewell 1,440 Plain Bob Minor. The ringers were J. Porteous 1, N. Sharpe, jun., 2, Mrs. Caldwell 3, R. Thorn 4, R. W. M. Clouston 5, R. Ling 6, N. Sharpe (covering).

As Brington, Northants, bells are at the foundry, the wedding compliment to Miss I. Anderson and Mr. E. Smith had to be rung at Harlestone. Brington ringers, who have all learnt to ring in the last 18 months, have raised £800 for the restoration of the ring and tower. However, since £700 is still required, donations would be gratefully received by the Rector, the Rev. M. Pendleton.

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IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

The East Grinstead and District Guild

DURING the early 1920's, ringing in northern Sussex was in a very poor state. At that time the County Association was divided into three, i.e., Eastern, Central and Western Divisions, and ringing was centred round the more populous districts near the coast. In the Central Division, Brighton was the 'Mecca' of Surprise ringers and meetings were rarely held north of Uckfield, and consequently ringers and local bands around East Grinstead had little chance of improving themselves.

In 1927, Mr. N. E. Hope and Mr. G. Lambert, of East Grinstead, sent out invitations to towers within ten miles of that town for representatives to meet at Placelands, East Grinstead, the home of Mr. Hope, with the object of forming a ringing guild. On June 4th the meeting was held and the guild was formed, the following officers being elected: Master, Mr. O. Sippetts; treasurer, Mr. N. E. Hope; secretary, Mr. G. Lambert; committee, Messrs. E. J. Oliver, A. L. Ryman, D. Divall, W. Poole and G. Brackpool. This committee met again on June 22nd, and the first meeting was held at East Grinstead on July 30th, 1927.

A rota of practices, at the rate of two per week, was drawn up and were fairly successful, but in 1928 the Guild settled down to a meeting once per month, the difficulty being to avoid clashing with the meetings of the three county associations over whose territory the Guild operated. This was overcome by holding the meetings regularly on the second Saturday of each month.

OPPOSITION FROM SUSSEX.

Despite the opposition of the Sussex County Association, the Guild was an immediate success and membership soon topped the 100 mark. With the opposition, some of the early meetings were rather lively affairs, but the attendances soon showed the need for such a guild, who, at the outset, made it clear that its sole object was to help struggling bands and ringers to attain good striking in the standard methods and so improve Sunday service ringing. The Guild encouraged members to join their County Association, and did everything to promote good feeling towards the county, being content to remain as a nursery. Learners were always sure of a ring at the meetings and most of the time is devoted to them. It was not until late years that Surprise methods were practised, as these could be had at county meetings.

At the request of ringers outside the 10 mile limit, the area was extended to a radius of 15 miles in 1932, but in 1948, owing to lack of support and difficulties of operation, the western boundary was withdrawn to about eight miles west of East Grinstead, and now contains one ring of 10, 23 of 8, 15 of 6, and one of 5 bells.

To ensure an even distribution of meetings the Guild's area has now been divided into four and each division is visited in turn.

At the first annual meeting in 1928, the Rev. H. W. Layng, Rector of Withyham, was elected president and the Guild lost a great friend when he died in 1936. He was succeeded by the present president, the Rev. Dr. Golding-Bird, D.D., Vicar of East Grinstead, whose witty remarks are a feature of every annual meeting.

In 1929, following an objection by the Sussex County, the office of master was altered to that of chairman, Mr. E. J. Oliver being elected, subsequent chairmen being A. L. Ryman, 1936, B. Collison, 1945, and E. J. Ladd, 1947 to date. Mr. G. Lambert remained as secretary until 1937, followed by B. Saunders till 1941, then C. A. Bassett to date. The feature of Mr. Saunders' term of office was that he did all the Guild's printing, and produced the annual reports for 1937 and 1938 in book form. The war put an end to this, but he continued printing in austerity form until 1946.



ST. SWITHIN'S, EAST GRINSTEAD.

The first treasurer, Mr. N. E. Hope, remained in office until 1930, when he was ordained to the ministry and went to live near Cheltenham, later to become the present Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Other treasurers have been E. J. Ladd to 1935, R. D. Divall to 1942, and E. J. Oliver to date.

AFFILIATION SECURED.

In 1932 it was proposed to affiliate to the Central Council, but this was opposed on the grounds that all members were represented by their county associations. In 1939 the opposition was overcome and the Guild was affiliated, with the election of Mr. A. Relfe, who still holds office.

In 1932 the Guild presented Withyham Parish Church with rope guides for the eight bells, and followed this in 1934 with a similar gift to Hartfield Parish Church.

The first peal for the Guild was one of Double Norwich at Coleman's Hatch in 1928, conducted by Mr. O. Sippetts, but as most members belong to the county associations, practically all the peals in the area are recorded for the respective county, and so only 40 peals have been credited to the Guild. These include the first performance of a composition of Cambridge Major by C. H. Kippin and conducted by him at Coleman's Hatch on July 28th, 1937, and the first 'in hand' for the Guild, one of Bob Minor by the West Grinstead band in 1939. To celebrate the 21st birthday of the Guild, the eight officers rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at East Grinstead on June 19th, 1948.

During the ban 13 meetings were held and were well attended. Some members became quite proficient on handbells and have continued this interest at each meeting to date.

WELLESBOROUGH, KENT. — On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Batten 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, R. J. Lancefield 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (cond.) 6.

Mathematics of Peal Ringing

DR. RANKIN'S THEORY.

On December 3rd, Dr. Rankin addressed the Cambridge Mathematical Society known as the New Pythagoreans, in Girton College, on 'The Mathematics of Change Ringing,' choosing as his subject Grandsire Triples. Readers will remember the editorial on his previous research earlier this year.

Dr. Rankin heard and watched change ringing for the first time when four members of the University Guild rang a course of Grandsire Triples before and a touch of Bob Minor after the lecture.

After briefly explaining the notation used in group theory and considering the permutations of the three-bell hunt, three being in course and three out of course, Dr. Rankin proceeded to a more detailed explanation of Grandsire Triples.

He considered two permutations, P and B, corresponding to Plain and Bobbed leads respectively, such that $P^5=I$, where I denoted the permutation rounds, and $B^3=I$. Then, having defined symmetric and alternating groups, he proceeded to state the fundamental rules of composition, i.e.:—

(i) That each row may be produced from the preceding row only by changing neighbouring pairs of bells.
(ii) That no change shall occur twice.
(ii) That the changes occur in sets of fourteen called leads.

He then showed that, ignoring singles, any change is uniquely determined by the lead-end owing to the nature of the rows (in and out of course alternately) and the path of the treble. The problem to produce the 5,040 changes was then resolved into the production of the 360 treble leads. With reference to the work of John Holt and W. H. Thompson, the lecturer then turned to the idea of the Q-set, the discovery of the latter.

The remainder of the lecture was devoted to a fairly exhaustive consideration of Q-sets and their implications, culminating in a proof of the impossibility of obtaining a peal of Grandsire Triples using bobs alone. Briefly, his reasoning was that, since a Q-set consists of five lead-ends in a P structure, giving 72 Q-sets, or three lead-ends in a B structure, giving 120 Q-sets, and these Q-sets cannot all be bobbed or plained, all 360 leads cannot be produced.

He showed that in a round block consisting of an even number of Q-sets, if one Q-set is bobbed instead (or plained, as the case may be) three round blocks are produced. In general, if we have a round block of 'plained' Q-sets and then decide to 'bob' some of them, we can only produce an odd number of round blocks, and hence we must use an odd number of Q-set originally. But we must have an even number of Q-sets (i.e., 72 or 120) for a peal, hence the peal is not possible by bobs alone.

Dr. Rankin concluded with a few general remarks on ringing and lengths of peals.

FAREWELL TOUCH

Mr. Harry Wright, who learnt to ring at Chilvers Coton about 20 years ago, has left to take up an appointment in Gatooma, S. Rhodesia. He had been in business in Wolverhampton and Oswestry for some years.

On December 9th a farewell touch of 630 Grandsire Triples was rung at Chilvers Coton by F. Moreton 1, L. Trevor 2, M. Beamish 3, D. E. Beamish 4, J. Ford 5, W. J. Aldridge 6, A. H. Beamish 7, H. W. Wright 8.

The good wishes of the Coton band were expressed by Mr. A. H. Beamish to Mr. Wright for a safe journey and a prosperous future. Ringers who may find themselves in that part of Africa in future will find a welcome from Mr. Wright at Specks Hotel, Gatooma, S. Rhodesia.

LETTERS

The Oldest Ringer in Royal Baby Peals

Dear Sir,—With reference to your comment in Belfry Gossip (December 10th), I would respectfully point out that the ringer of the treble to the peal of Grandsire at Egham, reported on page 536 of the same issue, is in his eighty-third year, namely, Mr. William C. Parker, captain of St. Peter's, Staines.—Yours truly, R. J. SHEPHERD.

Egham, Surrey.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Please allow me through 'The Ringing World' to congratulate Mr. John A. Freeman and his band on ringing the peal in 22 methods.

This is indeed a great achievement and a most praiseworthy performance.—Yours faithfully, A. J. PITMAN.

Port Talbot.

AN AUSTRALIAN QUERY

Dear Sir,—The New South Wales Association endeavour to follow as closely as possible the standards set by the Central Council, and have in the past declined to recognise peals of Minor with a cover bell or bells, as it was understood that this was not permissible or considered good practice under the rules laid down for methods on that number of bells.

We now find our ruling challenged on the grounds of a peal of Minor, rung at the Church of St. George, Dublin, for the Irish Association and published in 'The Ringing World' of December 19th, 1947. This peal was rung on eight bells, the changes being produced on bells 2 to 7 inclusive.

Now, sir, would you be so kind as to supply the following information for the guidance of the members of the above organisation:—

(1) Can this peal be regarded as correct and in accordance with standard practice?
(2) Can one or more cover bells be used in methods on 5-7 or 9 bells?
(3) Can one or more cover bells be used in methods on 6-8 or 10 bells?

Trusting you will be so kind as to help in this matter.—Yours faithfully,

J. DUNCAN, Chairman.

NOTE.—The official answer of the Peal Analysis Committee is as follows: The peal rung by the Irish Association of Minor with Treble leading and eight covering, although published in 'The Ringing World,' was not included in the Peal Analysis. The Central Council deprecate the use of more than one cover on 5, 7 or 9 bells and also the use of one or more cover bells on 6, 8 or 10.—C.D.

MR. CYRIL JOHNSTON AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—In your issue of December 17th a statement appeared from the present directors of Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., announcing my resignation from the company.

I would like to make it clear that, although I resigned last March from the position of managing director of the firm, I have no intention of severing my connection with the bell world, after having spent a lifetime amongst bells and bellringers. I shall be glad to hear from ringing friends at any time at my home address, 15, Croham Valley Road, Croydon.

May I take this opportunity of wishing them and 'The Ringing World' a happy and prosperous New Year?—Yours very truly,

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

OXFORD.—At St. Martin's and All Saints' on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Moore 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, Marie Cross 3, C. Coles 4, H. Badder 5, W. F. Judge 6, W. C. Porter (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

Ringers and the B.B.C.

A SOMERSET PROTEST.

Some outspoken remarks were made at the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Minehead on December 11th concerning the treatment of change ringing by the B.B.C.

The question was ventilated by Mr. A. Madeley, who said the poor acknowledgment given to church bell ringing by the B.B.C. was a matter of great interest to all ringers. It was 'an absolute disgrace' that an old art like ringing, which was English to the backbone and, except in a few instances in the Dominions, was practised only in these islands, should be so neglected that 'they give us a paltry two or three minutes at the most before a service.'

Mr. Madeley went on to say they were told that on November 15th they would hear the Westminster bells ringing for the Royal birth. What did they get? In the one o'clock news they had only a few seconds from the Society of College Youths, who were ringing a beautiful peal so far as striking, rhythm and time were concerned. It was a treat to hear the open-hand leads so well given and yet, from a peal that was being broadcast to the whole world, they had only a few seconds.

Mr. Madeley suggested all Ringing Associations should endeavour to use the Central Council to get the B.B.C. to give ringing better treatment. As a further instance of the B.B.C. outlook on the art, he recalled that a few years ago he listened to a recording of Dickens' 'Christmas Carol,' during which a record of church bell ringing was introduced—ringing a muffled peal. 'That is the sort of treatment handed out to an old and grand art,' Mr. Madeley concluded, amid applause.

The Rev. T. S. Dawson, who presided, said he felt particularly sore about it because his own ringers did not have two minutes the last time a broadcast was made from his church (Carhampton).

The Rev. D. J. Cockle said he could not see the B.B.C. giving more time to religious broadcasting, but if something was done to instruct the vast listening public by way of an introduction to methods, with illustrations, he thought they might be getting somewhere.

The meeting decided to ask members to write individually to the Rev. Martin Wilson at the West Regional headquarters, Bristol, asking that more attention be given to ringing.

The annual report announced the election of 17 performing and one hon. member during the year. The Rev. T. S. Dawson was re-elected president, Mr. George Stacey hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. J. S. Pugsley Ringing Master for the 19th successive year.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The district annual meeting was held at Aberavon, about 25 members attending, also Mr. R. E. Coles from Cowbridge. The bells were rung in the four standard methods, also Cambridge Surprise Major. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Ven. L. Thomas). About 30 were present for tea and enjoyed the good things provided by Mrs. Stitch, with the lady helpers to wait at the tables.

The Rev. J. D. L. Jones, Vicar of Baglan, took the chair at the business meeting, Mr. T. M. Roderick was re-elected auditor, and Mr. E. Stitch was re-elected district secretary. Llanelly was chosen for the March meeting. One hon. member and five new members were elected.

Dedications

STANGROUND, HUNTS.

A new treble bell, to augment the existing ring to six, was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely on December 12th at Stanground, Hunts. The new bell is hung in a steel frame above the original five, and is a gift from Miss A. Freear in memory of her sister, Mrs. Caroline Dix.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were entrusted with the work of casting and hanging the new bell, and, in the opinion of the ringers present, have produced a perfect splice.

The local band of service ringers rang an opening touch of Grandsire Doubles, and this was followed by touches in various methods from Plain Bob to London, in which friends from Peterborough, Stamford, Glinton and St. Ives took part.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.

By the addition of two new trebles, the bells of St. Mary's, Worplesdon, have been increased to a ring of eight. The two new bells were dedicated on December 19th by the Archdeacon of Dorking (the Ven. E. J. Newill), and are memorials to Sir Laurence Halsey and to the Misses Gertrude, Winifred and Evelyn Thompson.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon S. F. Cornell), and following the dedication the choir sang the carol, 'Ring out, wild bells.' The bell founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were represented by Mr. Michael Howard and Mr. Don Bradford.

Ringing before the service was on the old six and in charge of Mr. Sam Petter. The many visiting ringers included Mr. G. L. Grover (secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. C. Hazelden (secretary of the Guildford District) and Mr. C. Denyer (Ringing Master, Farnham District).

The new treble is in E flat and weighs 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., and the second is in D and weighs 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. It is proposed to rehang on ball bearings the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th bells. Worplesdon bells have had the reputation of being 'lumpy.' The latest proposal will remedy this defect and give Guildford district another fine ring of eight.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MEETING AT BEVERLEY.

The ten at St. Mary's, Beverley, have a national reputation and are among the finest in Yorkshire. It was a great privilege for the Society to meet here on December 11th. The service touch of 324 Grandsire Caters was noteworthy.

Canon T. H. Tardrew (the Vicar), assisted by the Rev. G. S. Storer (Vicar of Hutton Cranswick), conducted the service. Taking the lesson for the day, John the Baptist, as his theme, Canon Tardrew said the bells were the 'voice' crying in the wilderness of unbelief, cynicism, indifference and even hostility. He hoped the Society would continue to ring the bells and carry on the great tradition of change ringing, instructing others in the art.

A sumptuous tea at the Beverley Arms was preceded by a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells, rung in the foyer of the hotel. The guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley (Cclr. and Mrs. J. A. Smedley).

The President (Mr. G. F. Williams), who took the chair at the business meeting, extended a welcome to the Mayor and Mayoress. The Mayor, in reply, recalled a previous meeting in July and said he had been impressed by the enthusiasm and keen interest displayed at both meetings and the social atmosphere engendered.

A special welcome was given to Mr. F. Osgerby on his recovery from his recent accident among the bells. The next meeting will be at St. Mary's, Cottingham, on January 8th. Three new members were elected. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist and local ringers. Fifty-five members attended the meeting from 17 towers.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec 10, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS EVELYN WRIGHT	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. STOKES...	4
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	CHARLES E. BROWN ...	5
*JOHN W. MOORE ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' A farewell peal to the Rev. L. A. Matthew, Rector of Blankney, upon his appointment to Epping.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Bob Minor, Double Court and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

*CORNELIUS J. GIBSON ...	*Treble*	ALDERMAN LING	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ...	5
RAY PECK	3	HARRY HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
* First peal in five methods. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Duke of York, Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Violet, Sandal, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

*BRUCE BROADHEAD ...	*Treble*	*KENNETH H. WOOD ...	4
†CYRIL RUSBY	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
*ROY BROGAN	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*JAMES SALISBURY ...	*Treble*	KEITH HUDSON	4
JACK BAILEY	2	C. JOHN GIBBS	5
†JAMES MOULD	3	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods. First peal in two methods as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. B. James' Arrangement. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BRYON PELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DAWSON ...	4
†NORMAN B. FOVARGUE	2	JOHN P. MORRISS	5
CYRIL WANDER	3	GEORGE R. DAWSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD BEALE	*Treble*	JOHN T. LOCKE	4
FREDERICK WELCH ...	2	HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	5
REGINALD WELCH	3	JACK W. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
Presumed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT 48, ASHFIELD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	1-2	*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* 50th peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, *in 1 Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 8 extents of Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire.
Tenor size 11 in G.

MISS ADA C. DUKES ...	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3-4
		*MISS JOAN M. ROWE ...	5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal on handbells. A Royal birth peal.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1948, *in 1 Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*PAMELA A. MARTIN ...	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON	3-4
BRENDA FELLS		5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal 'in hand.' Being 7 different extents.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1948, *in 1 Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4
		*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* 200th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
IN CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	1-2	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	5-6
ALBERT WALKER	3-4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	7-8
		†JOHN PINFOLD	9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal this year. † First on 10 handbells. A birthday compliment to Mr. James George (95).

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 3, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. WIGHTMAN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1-2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	5-6
FRANK L. FISHER	3-4	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.
A birthday compliment to William Wightman and Peter Laflin.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in 3 Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

FRANK E. PERVIN	1-2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	7-8
ALBERT WALKER	3-4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	9-10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS... ...	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
A golden wedding peal for the conductor.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4	MARION GRAIN	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.
The first half was conducted by M. J. Thurmott and the second half by John A. Acres, the peal being a birthday compliment to both conductors.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

WIMBORNE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at St. James', Poole, on December 11th. Ringing started about 2.30 and was carried on in various methods till 4.15, when the service took place, the address being given by the Rector.

An excellent tea in the Old Rectory followed, thanks to the care and efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Davis and helpers.

At the business meeting Canon Eddrup presided, supported by the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Haires), the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Mr. Martin Stewart (Past Master of the Guild) and nearly 50 members and visitors from Derby, Cambridge University Guild and Epsom.

The report for the past year included some special events. The first, of peculiar interest to the whole confraternity, and already known to all readers of 'The Ringing World,' was the peal rung by Mr. James George on his 95th birthday in Mr. Stewart's home at Ferndown. There was also a peal of Stedman Caters rung there that evening, and Mr. Davis (Bournemouth) thanked Mr. Stewart for all his hospitality that day.

On the following Sunday a quarter-peal of one of Mr. George's Stedman compositions was rung at Poole. Then Mr. F. Wilson, late of Wincanton, who has also been a member of the Guild for over 50 years, rang his 100th peal—one of the Stedman Triples, also at Mr. Stewart's in November. Lastly, St. John's, Bournemouth, had been keeping that month the jubilee festival of the church, and Mr. Mitchell and his company were congratulated on the ringing during the festival.

Mr. Mitchell, in responding, recorded for 1948 12 quarter-peals on the bells and two peals 'in hand' of Plain Bob and Kent, and the faithful regularity of the company in Sunday service ringing.

The officers of the branch were re-elected, and on Mr. F. W. Townsend's re-election as Ringing Master, the Rector and Mr. A. Davis paid a special tribute to all he had done through so many years for St. James' and all his pioneer work in handbell ringing in the district.

In connection with the third Southern Rally to be held on May 7th, 1949 — this time at Christchurch Priory—Mr. A. Davis spoke hopefully of the building up of a tradition such as existed at Birmingham and Leicester, and two members were elected to serve on the local committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his welcome and address, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ivon Davis and helpers for all the comfortable preparations in the Old Rectory and the bountiful tea.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

The first meeting of the Association to be held at Aldeby took place on November 20th, and was attended by 31 members. Various five-bell methods were rung.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Gunter) conducted the service, and a fine tea was provided by the Mothers' Union.

The Rev. Morris, Vicar of Norton, presided at the business meeting. The death was reported of Robert Brundle, of the Suffolk Guild, who was the last survivor of the founders of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1877. The meeting stood in silence to his memory.

Mention was made of the charge of 6d. per member for peal ringing, which was agreed at the general meeting at Norwich.

The Guild president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Mothers' Union for the tea. Next meeting is at Gorleston on March 5th.

The Grundisburgh Campaign

The conclusion of the Grundisburgh Campaign was marked by ringing on the bells of St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, on December 18th. The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. C. W. Pipe, who announced the campaign had been a great success and he thanked ringers far and wide for their kind help to Grundisburgh Bells Fund. The bells would be installed about the end of February, and ringers all over the country would be welcome to ring on the augmented ten, which should prove a great attraction in the Ipswich district.

In view of the large party present, the prize-winners were then decided as follows:—

2194 Miss D. Hills, Spring Road, St. Osyth, Essex.
898 Mr. J. Jones, Meldreth, Cambs.
4913 E. A. Clarke, 19, Reading Road, Ipswich.
958 M. Gilroy, 1, Houldsworth Terrace, Newmarket.
2311 A. C. Girling, Layham, Hadleigh, Suffolk.
6687 C. Wilton, 17, Evelyn Street, Swindon.
5699 Mrs. Hawes, Woodford.
4073 Mrs. Langham, 113, Back Hamlet, Ipswich.
8930 T. Barber, Little House, Lower Kirby, Essex.
2971 D. Murray, 10, Mendham Lane, Harlesdon, Norfolk.
5085 E. C. Prior, Bosmere Hall, Needham Market.
5652 Mrs. G. E. Moy, 6, Chanel Terrace, Barnwell, Oundle.
8967 A. Ballam, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds.
9101 L. E. Soden, High Street, Burford, Oxon.
8747 Mrs. Lloyd, 7, Wingfield Street, Ipswich.
3322 Name and address unreadable.
4065 Mr. Baxter, 72, Gladstone Road, Ipswich.
6424 T. Snodin, 34, Spring Road, Ipswich.
11914 W. Amiss, 8, Fern Street, Sunderland.
2436 Mr. Harry Hoverd, 185, Crayford Road, Crayford.

Enquiries are being made to trace the owner of prize No. 16, and all other prizes are being despatched immediately.

EDINBURGH DELIGHT

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		64523	2	2	3
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43251786	87513264	23456	2	2	3
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5,600 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

ARRANGED BY C. K. LEWIS.

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56234	—	—		C A R Y B L R
23564		—	—	C A R Y B L Ra
52364			—	C A R Y B L R
35264			—	C A R Y B L Ra

R—Rutland. Ra—Ramsey.

Four times repeated.

Shortened to 5,152 by omitting 3H in one part. See peal on page 571.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

A Happy New Year to my hundreds of friends. Thanks for your kind help. Come and ring in Suffolk whenever you wish.—Cecil W. PIPE. 4565

Wishing all our ringing friends a Happy New Year.—From Geoffrey DODDS and Jeanne ASKEW. 4566

Best Wishes for New Year to all my friends in the Coventry, Birmingham and Leicester Dioceses and elsewhere.—Thomas W. SHEPPARD. 4564

A Bright and Prosperous New Year to all my ringing pals.—T. E. SONE, Warrington House, Paddock Wood. 4573

For all ringers, a Happy and Prosperous New Year is the wish of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, 43, Holliday Road, Erdington, Birmingham 24. 4578

FOR SALE

INKWELL, bell model, 3in. diameter, in solid silver; 5 gns.—E. Ronnebeck, silver craftsman, 183, High Street, Guildford. 4504

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. William R. Hammons is now 67, Queen's Park Parade, Northampton. Phone Northampton 3485 (St. Giles', Northampton). 4571

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3 Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price. 3373

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MODERNISED in the light of recent experience, Central Council's handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings. Price 1s. post free. Hon. Librarian, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Jan. 1st, 3 p.m. Ringing St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 4561

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Goole on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) from 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d. each) for all who notify Mr. J. Waud, 37, Oxford Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley Hon. Dis. Sec. 4496

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, January 1st, commencing at 6.15 prompt. St. Martin's bells (12) will be available for one hour (5 to 6 p.m.).—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4495

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Penshurst (8), Jan. 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—St. Marie's afternoon, Cathedral evening, Jan. 1st, 3. Teas available British Restaurant and cafes.—Herbert O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8. 4524

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly, Jan. 1st. Tea 3. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4527

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual district meeting, Winchester, Jan. 1st. Service St. Maurice's Church 3.30. Meeting Dumner's Restaurant 4.30, followed by tea (2s. 3d. per head).—Rev. J. S. D. Mansell, College Street, Winchester. 4530

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, Jan. 1st, at St. Mary's, Putney (8), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All Saints', Fulham (10), 6.15. Important business 7.45. Names for tea early. Monday, Jan. 3rd, Lambeth 7.15. Everyone welcome. —Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4571

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual, Ross, Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting, Central Cafe 4.30. Names for tea to W. Poston, Walford Road, Ross. 4520

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 8th, Co-operative Hall, Burbage. Bells available 3. Dinner 6, tickets 6s. each. Late buses to all parts of district, fare 1s. Names and remittance, including bus fare, to Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley, by Jan. 4th. 4525

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting Braintree (8), Sat., Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business afterwards in Church Hall.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 4526

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Barking. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 5th, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4528

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Wingham, Sat., Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea must reach Mr. A. W. Foreman, Waterlock, Wingham, Canterbury, not later than Wed., Jan. 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4534

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Brandon, Jan. 8th, 3. Tea 5.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 4535

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, St. Mary's (10), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to T. V. Jennison, 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham, by Jan. 4th. 4559

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual district meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Names must be sent to L. Baines, 30, Cotterells Hill, Hemel Hempstead, by Wednesday, Jan. 5th.—W. C. Hughes. 4569

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Cottingham, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea (3s. 6d.) 4.45. Notify by Wednesday, Jan. 5th, W. Lawson, 7, Urlington Avenue, Cottingham.—A. E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 4579

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Turvey (8), Jan. 8th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. (Annual meeting postponed Feb. 5th).—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4574

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery.—Annual meeting, Honiton Clyst, Jan. 8th. Service 4. Tea 4.30 for those who notify by Jan. 5th.—B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 4542

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Jan. 8th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock. 4572

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch. —Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, Bath Abbey. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. For tea tickets notify by Jan. 5th S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 4575

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 8th. Tea 5.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 4576

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton, Jan. 8th. Bells (two rings of 10) from 2.30. Tea (2s. 6d.); names by Jan. 4th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 4577

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Jan. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 4580

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, Jan. 8th. Cafes close to church. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 4588

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Trowbridge, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 3, North Bradley 3-4 and during evening, Hilperton from 6. Names for tea by Jan. 4th to W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham. 4587

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Annual business meeting at Islip, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 4583

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Jan. 8th, St. James', Poolstock. Bells (8) 2.30. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan, by Wednesday, Jan. 5th?—J. Burns. 4586

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Jan. 8th. Tea in Parish Hall. Notify Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. Look up Yorkshire Major.—C. Bassett. 4585

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Silverton, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Jan. 4th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 4584

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Chewton Mendip, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 4593

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Lenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 1949 programme cards now available, post free. 4591

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual meeting at Poulton, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4596

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston, Jan. 8th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley, Hon. Sec. 4590

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District. — Annual meeting, Staunton-on-Arrow (6), Jan. 8th, 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Names by Jan. 4th to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 4594

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells: S. Nicolas' 3, Merrow in evening. Tea Y.W.C.A. Hall, High Street, 5. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 5th, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 4589

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8), Saturday, January 15th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 12th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4519

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Meavy, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Jan. 10th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 4548

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4332

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Names for tea to me no later than Tuesday, Jan. 11th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, near Rugby.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, St. Albans. St. Peter's (10) 3-4.30; Cathedral (12) in evening. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 13th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4567

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton (10), Jan. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for all who send notification by Jan. 13th. Evening social Coton Parish Hall, 7.30-11.30 (whist, games, dancing). Refreshments at moderate prices. Tickets (2s.) will be reserved if application is made with tea notification.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 4595

SOUTHWELL MINSTER.—District annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 2.30. Evensong 4. For tea, notify Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by Jan. 12th. Excellent bus services.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 4597

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Hertford (St. Andrew's), Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. All Saints' bells available after meeting. Please send names for tea before Tuesday, Jan. 11th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts; also any outstanding 1948 subscriptions. 4568

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting at St. Peter's (8), Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells from 2 till 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting in St. Peter's Hall. Names for tea must be sent to me not later than Jan. 10th.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 4582

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Awliscombe, Jan. 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Business and tea after. Names not later than Jan. 11th to J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 4581

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